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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome, new and continuing members, to the 2016-2017 year!

When you receive this newsletter, Circle activities are well underway. After a break during the summer months, interest groups have been meeting again since September and there have been several Circle events.

On a sunny day in mid-October, a group of Circle members participated in a tour of Howes Memorial Chapel, the Shakespeare Garden and the Dearborn Observatory. NU archivist Kevin Leonard shared his vast knowledge about the history of Howes Chapel and the Dearborn Observatory. Claudia Lane, current president of the Evanston Garden Club, and some of her colleagues gave a lecture and tour of the newly restored Shakespeare Garden. Finally, the group visited Dearborn Observatory, where its director, Professor Michael Smutko, talked about the dome and the telescope. It was a very worthwhile outing and I am looking forward to other campus tours in the future.

Attending the ETOPIA (Engineering Transdisciplinary Outreach Projects in the Arts) fall event, which is organized by the McCormick School of Engineering, has become somewhat of a tradition for Circle over the last few years. Unlike in previous years, however, this year's event was not a play but



a showing of the movie "Particle Fever," a documentary about the discovery of the Higgs boson particle in 2012 at CERN, followed by an audience discussion with two professors from the Department of Physics. A small group of members met for dinner at the downtown Evanston restaurant Koi before the movie.

The next upcoming Circle event is the annual Adopt-a-Family Holiday Project. You should have received more information about this project in the mail or via the Circle listserv. Please consider supporting the families served by Northwestern Settlement through gift or financial donations and then join other members at the gift-wrapping and cookie exchange party on December 12.

We are always happy when new members join the Circle. If you know someone who would like to become a member please contact the membership chairs Margaret Schatz or Jean Wilson and they will send you a membership brochure.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at future Circle events this coming year!

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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:

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, 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 HAS BEGUN

– by Margaret Schatz

University Circle’s Adopt-A-Family Holiday Project, a tradition in its 27th year, will bring Christmas gifts and emergency funds to five families and others served by Northwestern Settlement. Circle members will again be able to contribute by signing up online at tinyurl.com/gig9mmh to buy gifts and gift cards. Please check the Holiday Project letter you should have received for more details about gift giving and making donations.

Last year Circle members were extraordinarily generous



in many ways. Twenty-five members purchased gifts and twenty-three members contributed cash donations. Circle was able to contribute over \$2,000 to Settlement’s Emergency Fund, which helps families who come up short for rent or utility bill payments. In addition to the Emergency Fund, this year Circle will donate to Settlement’s Food Pantry and to gift cards for seniors who need help buying medications.

As always, this annual opportunity for sharing is greatly appreciated by the families and rewarding for Circle members.

And to Get the Gifts Wrapped...

Join fellow Circle members for the annual gift-wrapping party and cookie exchange—always a fun event in the spirit of the holidays. It will be held at 7 pm on Monday, December 12, at the home of Margaret Schatz, 2426 Central Park Ave., Evanston. Please RSVP to Margaret at 847-475-2365 or e-mail mesharbor@gmail.com. See you there!



CCIS PROVIDES LINK TO NU INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

– by Joan Fragen

As we approach the holiday season, there are many unique opportunities to share our American traditions and learn about those of other countries

by participating in activities of CCIS (Community Council for International Students).

Northwestern has a large and ever-growing population of students at all levels, undergrads through PhDs and visiting scholars, from every part of the world. Some are sophisticated travelers and others are away from home for the first time. Community interaction, warmth and hospitality are an important part of their cultural experience here. CCIS programs provide opportunities for you and even

your non-university friends to provide all that and more. They include:

- **FOSTER FAMILY** – invite an international student to your holiday events and other outings and activities
- **CONVERSATION PARTNERS** – meet the student for just one hour each week to discuss topics of mutual interest, while helping with everyday grammar and colloquialisms, and understanding of each other’s culture
- **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN...and Men** – provides monthly or bi-monthly get-togethers and/or excursions for students’ spouses to better get to know each other, American culture, Chicagoland sites and more.

Volunteers are needed desperately for all these activities, especially International Women, which has traditionally been a major University Circle/CCIS cooperative project. To volunteer for any of these activities, please contact Joan Fragen at 847-446-0184 or joanfragen@gmail.com.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS SEND THANKS

– by Gay Menges

Last May 18, the Circle Scholarship Committee happily awarded tuition scholarships to three young women at Circle’s annual spring luncheon (see story and photo on page 5). These winners were chosen from applicants who were enrolled in various fields of study in NU’s School of Professional Studies and employed in a variety of departments at NU. They’ve taken time to send thanks to the many Circle donors who made these scholarships possible.

ANTONIA CLIFFORD works as a project manager in the IMPACT LGBT Health & Development Program at the Feinberg School of Medicine. She is beginning a medical degree in psychiatry. Her goal is to work with youth and young adults suffering emergent chronic mental health disorders. She says, “The Circle scholarship is an extraordinary gift and blessing. . . Thank you for this gift—with it, I look to finish my program at SPS and apply to Medical School this coming summer!” Another blessing recently came into Antonia’s life, as she and her partner were able to adopt two beautiful infants.

MICAELA MORAN is a program coordinator for the Center for Civic Engagement at NU. She is pursuing a master’s degree in public policy and administration. She says, “I am incredibly appreciative of the generous Circle scholarship. It will help ease the financial burden of graduate school and allow me

the flexibility to possibly finish my master’s degree earlier than anticipated.” Micaela has been involved in AmeriCorps as both a member and a manager through Northwestern Settlement. She also manages Jumpstart, a program for early childhood literacy at community-based preschools in Evanston and Rogers Park.

ENEKE FRANK MWAKASISI works as a research administrator at the Feinberg School of Medicine. She is studying for a master’s degree in public policy and administration. Eneke reports, “Receiving this scholarship has lessened a large financial burden. Now I can truly prioritize my classwork (and drop a second part-time job) and be strategic in how I apply my education to the work I do at Northwestern University.” Eneke is a dedicated mentor to young immigrant Tanzanian women, helping high school and college-age African women adjust to American culture and adulthood. Her dream is to be a department administrator at a research hospital.



Your donations helped these three fine young people pursue their dreams. Please consider contributing to the 2017 Circle Scholarship Fund 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!

SPENDING FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES WITH ETOPIA

Circle members who attended a screening of the film “Particle Fever” at the Technological Institute on October 14 were a bit stumped when asked to comment on what they saw. “I think it’s fair to say that all of our minds were stretched by the movie. . . and that it was the first exposure of many of us to particle physics,” said Jane Dowding. Others acknowledged that it was a good example of how scientists communicate and collaborate worldwide. The mind-expanding documentary movie was the second of three movies in the series “Friday Night at the Movies,” sponsored by McCormick School of Engineering’s program known as ETOPIA (Engineering Transdisciplinary Outreach Projects in the Arts). Shown on consecutive Friday nights in October and open to the public, the movies were a departure from ETOPIA events of previous years, which were live performances. The project, now in its ninth year, aims “to inspire a cross-disciplinary dialogue about the role of science and technology in society.”



Circle group enjoying a pre-cinema dinner at Evanston’s Koi restaurant. Pictured clockwise from left: Jean Wilson, Gay Menges, Elisabeth Malthouse, Ellen Malthouse, Ed Malthouse, Chuck Dowding, Ed Wilson and Margaret Schatz (photo courtesy of Jane Dowding)

WELCOMING CIRCLE'S NEWEST MEMBERS



NU Circle is pleased to welcome its newest members—Maureen Hanrahan, Margaret M. (Pat) Hastings, Jennifer Kelleher, Ruth Lucchesi, and Gwen Trindl. Membership co-chairs Margaret Schatz and Jean Wilson hosted a luncheon to honor them on October 26 at Margaret's home in Evanston. While not all could attend, those who did were greeted warmly by Circle president Elisabeth Malthouse and board members Sally Dobroski, Jane Dowding, and Diane Unger. The rain outside didn't dampen the spirits of those inside, as they shared a warm meal and learned about their NU and community connections. The board hopes to see all new and long-time members at a Circle event soon!

Seated L-R: Jennifer Kelleher and Maureen Hanrahan
Standing L-R: Margaret Schatz, Sally Dobroski, Jean Wilson, Elisabeth Malthouse and Jane Dowding

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - still time!

Did you forget to send in your dues for the 2016-2017 year? There is still time! Send your check for \$25 payable to Northwestern University Circle to Jean Wilson, 644 Arbor Lane, Glenview, IL 60025. Questions? Call Jean at 847-724-9413.



SPRING HIGHLIGHT: ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCHEON

Long-time Circle members and newcomers alike gathered on Wednesday, May 18, for the annual University Circle spring luncheon and annual meeting. This year the event was held in the Louis Room at Norris Center. After Circle president Elisabeth Malthouse welcomed members and guests, the first order of business was election of officers. Nominating Committee chair Margaret Schatz announced the slate: for treasurer, Pat Ulmer; for recording secretary, Jean Corvine; for vice-presidents of membership, Margaret Schatz and Jean Wilson. The eyes had it, and the officers were elected for two-year terms.



Standing L-R: Antonia Clifford, Micaela Moran, Eneke Frank Mwakasisi. Seated L-R: Gay Menges, Dean Margaret McCarthy, Jane Dowding

Next, Scholarship Committee chair Gay Menges introduced the three Circle Scholarship winners for 2016: Antonia Clifford, Micaela Moran and Eneke Frank Mwakasisi. Gay congratulated them and presented each with a personalized bookmark. Gay also introduced and thanked Margaret McCarthy, associate dean of students and alumni services in the School of Professional Studies, whose office facilitated the scholarship

application process and provided valuable assistance.

After members enjoyed a buffet luncheon, program chair Eleanor Prince introduced Dr. Cory Franklin ('75, '77 MD, '80 GME) who spoke on "My Thirty Years at Cook County ICU." Dr. Franklin spoke of his years at Cook County Hospital, told how patients influenced his life, and talked about the changes he has seen in the medical profession. He took questions from the appreciative audience. After the formal presentation, Dr. Franklin autographed copies of his book, *Cook County ICU*.

As they were leaving, Circle members and guests mingled and enjoyed the display of quilts made by Circle's quilting group Piecemakers. The quilts were to be donated to Our House, a program of Connections for the Homeless, which provides a home for young men who train and work at Curt's Cafe in Evanston.

FALL TOUR FEATURES CAMPUS LANDMARKS

On October 19, members of Circle were treated to a walking tour of three landmarks on NU's Evanston campus, supplemented with talks given by university and community experts. Organized by Circle program chairs Eleanor Prince, Jane Dampfs and Mary Alayne Schwartz, the tour began at **Howes Memorial Chapel**. Addressing the group from the lectern, University Library archivist Kevin Leonard spoke about the history and architecture of the chapel, which belongs to nearby Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. It was built in the 1930s in the style of a Gothic cathedral, complete with beautiful leaded and colored glass windows meant to show the power of prayer. The chapel—with its organ, choir loft and surrounding gardens—has been a much-loved wedding venue over the years.

Mr. Leonard spoke next about **Dearborn Observatory** and the lens and telescope housed within. The 18 1/2-inch lens was crafted in Cambridge, Mass., in 1860 and brought to the original University of Chicago (unrelated to the present-day university of the same name) by the Chicago Astronomical Society. In 1889 a new home was found for it on NU's campus, in Dearborn Observatory, designed by Cobb & Frost in the Richardsonian Romanesque style for which the architectural firm was well known. Fifty years later, in 1939, the lens and telescope moved again, when the observatory building was moved 700 feet to the south to make room for NU's Technological Institute. The equipment in the observatory has been updated over the years, and the lens is still in use.

Following Mr. Leonard's presentation, Claudia Lane, president of the Garden Club of Evanston, gave an overview of the club's history, recent projects, and its most notable



Dearborn Observatory telescope
(photo courtesy of Pat Ulmer)



Howes Memorial Chapel interior
(photo courtesy of Jane Dowding)

garden, the **Shakespeare Garden**. Situated just north of Howes Memorial Chapel, the garden came about in 1915 when local gardeners wanted to show support for Great Britain during World War I and to honor the 300th anniversary of William Shakespeare's death. After input from the Drama Club of America, the renowned landscape architect Jens Jensen designed the garden for GCE, and NU agreed to host the site. GCE members maintain the garden to this day.

After Ms. Lane's introduction, the group strolled over to the nearby garden where they enjoyed its sights, sounds and fragrances while the presentation continued. GCE members pointed out highlights of the garden and explained various design transformations made over the years that resulted in the garden being placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1988. In 2015, NU gave \$100,000 for renovations, including lighting for nighttime viewing, a new irrigation system and new benches inside and outside the garden.

The final stop on the tour was **Dearborn Observatory**, where Circle members were greeted by Professor Michael Smutko, director of the observatory and professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy. After climbing up two sets of creaky stairs in the 126-year-old building, Circle visitors heard Professor Smutko explain how the telescope has been used over the years. Although light pollution and more powerful telescopes have made its use obsolete for many applications, the Dearborn telescope is still a valuable tool for NU astronomy faculty and students and the public.

After the tour, Circle members had plenty to discuss when they lunched at Food for Thought Cafe in Garrett Seminary's Loder Hall.



Pat Ulmer, Debbie Crimmins and Eleanor Prince listen to Garden Club of Evanston speaker



Professor Michael Smutko (left) explains workings of Dearborn Observatory



NU Library archivist Kevin Leonard speaking at Howes Memorial Chapel

Learn more... Circle members are invited to attend Garden Club of Evanston's annual house walk and holiday boutique on Saturday, November 12, from 10 am to 4 pm. Four homes will be open, including the landmark Tudor mansions Stone Terrace and Stone Porch by the Lake. Tickets are \$65 and may be purchased by November 11 at thegardenclubofevanston.org.

Dearborn Observatory is open for tours and public observing every Friday night throughout the year from 8 to 10 pm. The tours are hosted by students majoring in physics and astronomy, and visitors are encouraged to ask questions. Reservations are required for the first hour, and may be made at sites.northwestern.edu/dearborn. Walk-ins are welcome during the second hour but viewing time may be limited depending on attendance. Please note that Dearborn Observatory is not ADA accessible; several staircases must be climbed to reach the telescope. For more information, please call 847-491-7650.

Remembering Circle Friends

NU Circle was sad to learn of the deaths of three long-time members of the Circle family.

Phyllis Ellis was a past president of NU Circle, and an active member for many years. After her husband's death, she worked in Northwestern's Human Resources Department for 25 years. Phyllis passed away on July 17, 2016. We will miss her special spark and "make things happen" attitude.

Esther Segel was a retired faculty member at Illinois Institute of Technology, and was married for 56 years to retired Northwestern physics professor Ralph Segel. Esther passed away on September 29, 2016. A celebration of life honoring

Esther will be held at 1 pm on Saturday, November 12, at Michigan Shores Club, 911 Michigan Avenue, Wilmette, Illinois, with reception immediately following.



James Van Ness was emeritus professor in NU's Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science and a member of NU's faculty since 1952. Jim was also an NU alumnus, having earned a master's degree and a doctoral degree in electrical engineering. Jim and long-time Circle member Mary Ellen Van Ness were married for 67 years and raised four daughters in Evanston. Jim passed away on September 9, 2016. A memorial service was held on September 24.



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UPCOMING CIRCLE EVENTS

NOVEMBER-EARLY DECEMBER

Adopt-a-Family Holiday Project

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Executive Board Meeting

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Piecemakers Quilting Group Meeting

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

Gift-Wrapping Party
and Cookie Exchange

EARLY 2017

Potluck Dinner and Theater Performance

See inside for more information about these events or watch for news sent via e-mail or postal mail. Please visit

northwestern.edu/university-circle

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



BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The University Circle executive board meets on the third Thursday of most months in Room 204 of Parkes Hall on the Evanston campus from 12 noon to 1 pm.

The 2016-2017 dates are as follows:

NOVEMBER 17

DECEMBER—NO MEETING

JANUARY 19

FEBRUARY 16

MARCH 16

APRIL 20

MAY (DATE TBA)

Annual Meeting and Luncheon

JUNE (DATE TBA)

Year-end Potluck Dinner