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Message from the Presidents

The last vestiges of fall are upon us. The trees are bare, the air crisp, and only a few college football games remain to be played. The campus is buzzing with cranes and assorted construction vehicles as Northwestern University catapults into the future with its new School of Music and Communication building, visitor center, parking garage, and boathouse. If you were planning to spend much of the next three months inside, perhaps we can entice you to step outside and spend some time with

us. We are ramping up another exciting year for all Circle members. Great Ethnic Dining opportunities will abound, as well as a theatre evening preceded by everyone's favorite dining experience - our own "Pot Luck". There will be an exploratory walk on Main Street in Evanston and of course our annual Christmas Wrapping Party. Do plan to join us for some, most or why not all of our upcoming activities!

You should be aware that the Courier has a new editor, Elisabeth Malthouse. Elisabeth is an active member of Circle's Spanish Conversation Group and has also served on the Program Committee. She graciously accepted our invitation to this role and we are delighted to have her. Read more about our new editor inside the Courier. Welcome, Elisabeth.

Because of your generosity last year, the Scholarship Fund was able to increase the number of scholarships awarded. Our scholarships are unique. Circle scholarships target full-time NU employees working on degree programs in the School of Continuing Studies. Our help affects lives in very



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Jean Wilson

concrete ways. Thank you for your thoughtful giving. Please take the time to read a reprint of a letter that the scholarship committee received from Michael Guerrero, a gift winner last year. Delight in hearing how his cash award assisted him at Northwestern, and hopefully agree with us that he was a worthy candidate.

As you know, 2015 is the 100th Anniversary of University Circle. We hope to update the history of our organization as well as showcase all of our accomplishments. Be thinking of ways to participate. Please visit our website to learn more about the day-by-day happenings of our organization. If you have an idea, please don't hesitate to tell someone about it.

As we look back on our first year as co-presidents, we are overwhelmed by the support and loyalty of our members – especially our Executive Board. Without their tireless spirit of volunteering, we would not be the organization that we are. We look forward to working with the Board again this year and want to remind you that all members are invited to join us in all of our endeavors. You are our best ambassadors. As you participate in this year's activities, please consider bringing a friend along to join the fun. For almost 100 years, Circle has provided opportunities for sharing interests, conversations and activities resulting in lasting friendships and support among our members.

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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 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. See page 3 for dates.

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Meet the Editor by Elisabeth Malthouse



Starting this fall I am the editor of the Courier, following Melissa Leasia. I joined the University Circle quite a few years ago, shortly after I moved to Chicago from my native Germany. My husband is a professor in the Medill's IMC Dept. I have mainly been busy with taking care of our three children; my youngest started first grade this fall. For almost 14 years I have

been attending the weekly Spanish Conversation group and it certainly helps to keep my Spanish skills from getting too rusty (I studied English and Spanish linguistics in Germany). My fellow Spanish group members know that knitting is my big pastime and I always bring a project to work on during the conversation. I also enjoy gardening, biking and reading.

If you have an article and/or photo that you would like to see in the Courier, feel free to submit it to me at emalthouse@yahoo.com.

Board Meeting Schedule

The University Circle Board meets in Parkes Hall, Room 204, 12 noon to 1:00 pm on the following dates:

2012	2013
September 20	January 17
October 18	February 21
November 15	March 21
December: no meeting	April 18
	May: Annual Meeting and Luncheon TBA



Jane Dowding (L) and Margaret Schatz (R), Membership Chairs

Welcome to Our New Members

Gay Menges is a retired textbook editor. She was a high school and junior college English teacher who took a job at Prentice Hall editing college textbooks while she was a resident of New York City. When she and her husband moved to Champaign, IL as he took a position with the University of Illinois, she became an editor at the U. of I. Press. After moving to Evanston and Northwestern University for her husband, she worked for Rand McNally and other publishers, and then finally for McDougal Littell, later a division of Houghton Mifflin publishers. Gay is involved with her grandchildren in NYC and Minneapolis and is a dedicated theater goer, traveler, and reader.

Diane Unger was on staff at NU's Center for Talent Development before retiring in December 2011. In her seven years there, she held several positions in the NUMATS program (Northwestern University's Midwest Academic Talent Search), the above-grade-level testing program for academically gifted 3rd through 9th graders. Joining Piecemakers, Circle's quilting group, has been a great transition, allowing her to learn new skills while enjoying the camaraderie of talented NU women.

Remembering Jeanne Baldwin

by Pat Mathis

In gratitude and thanksgiving for the life and service of Jeanne Baldwin. Jeanne passed away in April 2012. In the early 1960's, a gracious hostess, she ushered many newcomers into membership of the University Circle, and was a mentor in their early years. Subsequently, she served the Circle in many additional ways and more recently, served as recording secretary of the Circle Board. Her presence and tireless service is greatly missed.



University Circle Scholarships

by Barbara Rossow

University Circle awarded scholarships to three recipients for the 2012-2013 academic year. In keeping with scholarship guidelines, all recipients are full-time employees at Northwestern and enrolled in degree-seeking programs through the School of Continuing Studies. All three recipients plan to receive their degrees in June 2013.

Tina Espina joined the staff at Northwestern six years ago. She is Coordinator of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education at the Feinberg School of Medicine and is working toward a bachelor's degree in general science with a major in organizational behavior. Tina and her husband are parents of a four-year-old daughter Makenzie and a son Liam, born June 5.

Jodi Nicolai works as a Lab Manager-



L: Tina Espina, M: Jodi Nicolai, R: Annaleah Tubbin

Research Technologist in the Department of Radiology at the Feinberg School of Medicine. Jodi is working on a master's degree in Clinical Research and Regulatory Admission. Her long-term career goal is to manage or direct a clinical laboratory. Jodi has a bachelor of science degree in biochemistry from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa.

Annaleah Tubbin is an administrative assistant in University Residential Life. She is earning a Master of Arts in Liberal

Arts. Her ultimate educational goal is to earn the Ph.D. and teach musical theatre at the collegiate level. Annaleah has a bachelor's degree in theatre arts from the University of Oregon.

Scholarships were presented at a luncheon on May 17, 2012 in the Guild Lounge of Scott Hall. Also present at the luncheon were two previous scholarship recipients—Emily Aysford, a recipient in 2010, and Victoria Schiffman, who received the award last year. Emily has completed a Master's of Fine Arts with an emphasis in creative writing. Victoria has completed a Master's of Public Policy and Administration with an emphasis in non-profits and international humanitarian aid. Both Emily and Victoria graduated in June.

Since the scholarship's inception in 2004, there have been 16 recipients.

Thank You from Scholarship Recipient Michael Guerrero

The Circle received the following letter from Michael Guerrero, a graduate from Noble Street Charter High School, who received a grant of \$500 in fall 2011.

To all the beautiful and caring women of University Circle,
I hope this past year and summer has been great for you all! My name is Michael Angelo Guerrero and I am a scholarship recipient of the University Circle Grant. I am currently a Junior student at Northwestern University studying Learning and Organizational Change. I am an alumni of Noble Street Charter High School and proud to be an urban Latino student studying at such a prestigious university. I would like to thank you all for your generous support last year in providing me with a \$500 grant. This grant was very crucial in that it helped me finish paying off my tuition and covered some of my textbooks fall quarter.

So far it has been a long and tough road, but I will never surrender. I will keep pushing myself academically and mentally to one day give my parents the honor to say that their son is a college graduate from Northwestern University! I have 2 years left, and have managed to maintain a 3.5 GPA. This past summer, I did not participate in any extracurricular activity such as an internship nor summer school because I decided to dedicate the time to my younger brother. Our bond is unbreakable, and we

created many many memories (some good and some not so good but they will be good stories for our future years). He is now in San Diego, undergoing a physical and mental transformation as he is in bootcamp for the Marines. Hoorah!

My older brother is also in the Marines and is stationed in Okinawa, Japan. He loves the military life, but he also misses home. Our family is HUGE, my grandmother on my dad's side had 9 children. Most of them live in Chicago or in neighboring suburbs. Our get-togethers are very special, so I can see where my brother is coming from. I also worked with my uncles with Empire Today, installing hardwood floor for a couple months and it really made me value my education. I now know what kind of work I don't want to do for the rest of my life.

I don't want to take too much of your time and write a whole story, so I will end it here. But I hope we can meet up again this year and maybe grab lunch sometime. The cookies you gave me last year were amazing!

I hope God blesses you all with many many years of good health to continue to affect people's live in the way you have impacted mine. **Thank you!**

Sincerely, Michael

Circle Spring Luncheon

by Trink Newman

On May 17th Circle members met in the Guild lounge for their annual spring luncheon. The slate of officers and former and current scholarship winners were introduced. The main part of the luncheon was a lecture by Kevin Leonard, the University's Archivist.

Mr. Leonard thanked Nancy Allred for submitting Circle information to the Archives and explained that most of the information submitted before the 1970's was in longhand and since the Archive Office had only one typewriter transcription was slow. The headquarters is in Charles Deering Library with materials also stored underground in Kresge Hall.

The Archives also house the records of Northwestern University Settlement—started by faculty, administration and students—including administrative, photo, and case files relating to university involvement in settlement immigration—originally Polish.

The Daily Northwestern and its predecessors back to 1871 are currently being digitized. Many generous benefactors have donated personal papers of individuals with ties to NU. Mr.

Leonard specifically spoke of the papers of Patricia Neal, a loyal alum, about her life from birth to death. She suffered a major stroke (three cerebral aneurysms in 1965), spent time in rehab, and became a spokesperson for the disabled. She donated her Oscar for Hud (1963) to the hospital in her Tennessee hometown (Patricia Neal Rehabilitation Center in Knoxville), but gave her



50 Year Member Nita Hemke (L)
and Jane Dowding (R)



Kevin Leonard, NU Archivist
and Debbie Crimmins

1971 Golden Globe, a Director's chair back, and love letters from Gary Cooper to NU. We all had a chance to examine the Golden Globe award for Best Actress in a TV drama, The Homecoming: A Christmas Story in which she played Olivia Walton. (This became the pilot for the Walton's TV series which is still available for viewing in reruns on the Hallmark Channel.) The Golden Globe award was amazingly heavy, and a good example of a non-traditional library item.

The Archives also house the History of the NU Marching Band and Fight Song. They are currently digitizing films from 1929 to the present of 50 key games in NU Football History. This includes memorabilia of Otto Graham, who beginning in 1940 attended NU on a basketball scholarship and was named an All American, but also became a Wildcat football quarterback and MVP, in addition to serving some time in the military. (He played professional basketball for the Rochester Royals in 1946 and was the quarterback of the Cleveland Browns from 1946 to 1955, setting many records. He was coach of the Washington Redskins from 1966-68 and was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1965.)

Most of the Archive collection is of physical materials. Digital technology is changing so rapidly there is no longer a way to access everything. Mr. Leonard wore his special purple jacket (he always wanted to be a cowboy) made for him by the tailor for Roy Rogers. He was a very interesting speaker and even stayed behind to chat and help clean up.

Fall Circle Tour of Main Street

Bert Mount organized this year's Fall Circle Tour to several businesses on Main Street in Evanston on November 8. The group started their tour at **Ten Thousand Villages**, a fair trade retailer of artisan-crafted home décor and gift items from across the globe (719 Main Street). After a brief narrative about the story and philosophy of the Ten Thousand Villages chain, there was also time to look around the shop and make purchases.

The next stop was **Dave's Down to Earth Rock Shop** (704 Main Street). Dave's has a vast selection of minerals, rocks, and fossils on the first floor. The basement holds the



fascinating **Prehistoric Life Museum** that could be studied in a self-guided tour.

The group then enjoyed lunch at the **Lucky Platter** (514 Main Street), a restaurant known for its eclectic world cuisine and folk art decor. In the afternoon members either toured the **Toby Jug Museum** (910 Chicago Avenue), a museum home to more than 8,000 Toby and Character jugs, or explored some of the other stores on Main Street, including the **Belgian Chocolatier Piron**, **Vogue Fabrics**, and **Toys Et Cetera**.

¡Muchas Gracias, Lola!

by Elisabeth Malthouse

For over 15 years, Lola Santamaria has been leading the **Spanish Conversation Group**. (see photo to right) Lola has been doing a terrific job helping its members to improve their speaking and listening skills in a very relaxed environment. There have been lots of humorous and funny conversations but also numerous discussions about very serious topics. Members share stories about themselves and their families. And Lola has guided the group with lots of patience to find the right words and use the right grammatical constructions. She has often insisted that a word or sentence is repeated until it is finally pronounced or used correctly.

Lola has announced that she will most likely retire at the beginning of next year and will not be able to serve as the native speaker of the group anymore. The group is now looking for someone to replace her so that it can continue. It meets from September through May every Tuesday at noon for about 1.5 hours in Parkes Hall.



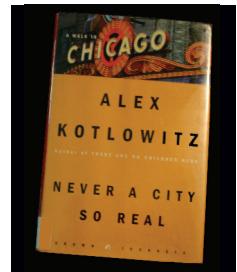
(from left) Catherine Launay, Robert Launay, Lola Santamaria, Elisabeth Malthouse, Nancy Allred, Barbara DeCoster

If you are a proficient/native speaker of Spanish and would like to volunteer as the new leader of this group or know of someone who might be interested please contact Nancy Allred at (847) 570-3424 or Elisabeth Malthouse at (773) 465-8411 or emalthouse@yahoo.com.

One Book, One Northwestern

Circle members attended the keynote speech by Alex Kotlowitz on his book *Never A City So Real* on October 17. This event was sponsored by One Book, One Northwestern. The book is a collection of vignettes about Chicago's diverse people and neighborhoods and gives readers a much richer

understanding of the city. In his talk Kotlowitz shared with the audience even more stories about Chicagoans that he interviewed. Since only one of those stories is actually part of the book, the talk felt almost like a sequel to the book and the audience enjoyed it. After the speech, a small group of Circle members gathered for dinner and conversation at I Dream of Sweets on Noyes Street.



Rowe Grammar School Visit

by Carolyn Krulee



More than one hundred second graders, forty teachers, administrators, and parents visited the Northwestern campus on May 22, 2012 as a continuing activity on the part of Rowe Elementary School to help students set goals for college attendance from the beginning of their elementary school experience. The purpose of the visit was to expose students to the atmosphere of a college campus. The visit involved lunch, which the students brought, plus cookies

baked by University Circle members and Evanston Board of Settlement members. Following lunch, everyone went on a short tour of the campus. After the tour, the children were divided into four groups and participated in short lessons with their master teachers. While the children were in class, the parents viewed a panel discussion about the importance of a college education and were able to ask questions of the panelists. At the end of two hours, the children boarded their bus with the left-over cookies and returned to Chicago.

Upcoming Programs

Keep your eye out for more details about these upcoming fall and winter events:

Visit www.northwestern.edu/university-circle regularly to stay informed about the latest Circle news and information about upcoming programs and volunteer opportunities.

December 12
Wrapping Party & Cookie Exchange

January or February:
Potluck & Theater
Date to be determined

Ethnic Dining

by Sally Dobroski

Last May a group of Circle members and friends enjoyed a great dining adventure at **Sun Wah BBQ** in Chicago. The menu included Beijing duck as well as generous amounts of vegetable and noodle dishes. It was a very abundant spread. No one went home hungry.



Now Catherine and Robert Launay, along with Elisabeth Malthouse, are at work exploring dining venues for this year's adventures in Ethnic Dining. The first dining event was held November 4th when our eager group gathered at **Taste of Peru** on North Clark Street in Chicago. Cesar Izquierdo, the chef/owner of this Michelin Guide award-winning restaurant, cooked up a delicious assortment of Peruvian appetizers, followed by beef, chicken and seafood

courses, all served family-style. It was an exceptionally memorable evening.

You can get a closer look at **Taste of Peru** by going online and viewing visits to the restaurant by Chicago's **Check, Please** and by Guy Fieri of **Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives**. Meet chef Izquierdo as he talks about his dream of bringing Peruvian culinary masterpieces to Chicago.

More ethnic dining experiences are planned for the months ahead. Watch for announcements coming via email or your mailbox. If you discover a great place that you think Circle members would like, please pass on the news to Catherine Launay (RGL201@northwestern.edu) or Elisabeth Malthouse (emalthouse@yahoo.com). What could be better than 'sharing bread' with Northwestern friends on a cold winter night.

Piecemakers Quilting Group

by Ann Duncan-Gibbs

How long does it take to make a quilt? Well, that depends on how hard you're laughing while you work on it. The Piecemakers Quilting Group has been making quilts for local and area organizations for more than 10 years. We have made quilts for Project Linus, Dance Marathon, Connections for the Homeless, the local women's shelter, NU's Settlement house, and many others. Members meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in members' homes from September thru June. We work both on our own projects and on group projects. Show-and-tell is definitely a favorite part of every meeting. All quilters are welcome - from complete beginners to experienced stitchers.

For more information on Piecemakers, please contact:

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or Cathryn Timmers (c-timmers@northwestern.edu).



Circle Members' Favorite Memories

At a Circle event members were asked what their favorite memories of the University Circle were. Here are some of their responses:



- " **The Christmas gift-wrapping party** – happy spirits, good cookies and great company."
- " Remember an **Italian-themed dinner at the Old Faculty Club** on Sheridan Rd with the new careers group in the late 60's. I had the Chianti bottle decorations saved in my crawl space for years after."
- " **Theater evenings**"
- " I think it was **my first wrap party at the Allred's**. There were so many gifts and so many people working, but it was well-organized. Everything was

done in good time and then the cookies were delicious."

- " When I got to be a **Circle delegate to the Big 10 Conference** the year it was at Northwestern."
- " **The Big 10 Womens' Conference at Purdue.**"
- " **The Big 10 Womens' Conference in Wisconsin.** Everyone loved our skit – a game show and then we took the leftovers back to our room and had fun hanging out with Melissa, Margaret and Cathryn."





On April 25, thirty sophomores and five teachers from Noble Street Charter High School in Chicago visited Charter High School in Chicago. They began their day with a tour of the Northwestern University campus. Students received a guided tour of the university's facilities, including Sargents Hall. Lunch was followed by a tour of Silika Dormitory.

by Carolyn Krulee

Noble Street Charter High School Students Visit Campus



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