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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This spring, please join us as we present the Circle Scholarship to three Northwestern employee/students who are working on advanced degrees in the School of Professional Studies. They will be joined by last year's recipients, whom we were not able to meet in person. We will be able to actually meet and honor them with a "real" tea in the lovely Northwestern Room in Norris University Center on May 25 at 4:00 pm. It will be inspiring to hear their aspirations for their future. Thanks to Debbie Crimmins and her committee of Jean Wilson and Sally Dobroski for their willingness to make this project successful.



the United States. It was a very powerful artistic presentation that was better shared with each other. The exhibition is available for tours through July 10.

Circle members continue reaching out to help each other and beyond to members of our community. Last December we created holiday cheer for five Northwestern Settlement families because of your generosity.

Thank you to all the Circle members who keep our activities going. I want to send

Spring is here and my yard looks like April showers have brought many May flowers! Now if we could just have a little sunshine! Speaking of beautiful gardens, I hope you get a chance to roam around the campus this spring with a stop at the Shakespeare Garden. Last month, it was enlightening to tour Northwestern's Evanston campus with the landscape gurus to get an understanding of the challenges facing the landscape team in their endeavor to keep the grounds the envy of so many universities.

special appreciation to Jean Wilson and Bert Mount who have served on the Circle board for many years. Jean is a past-president, was the membership chairman for several terms and more recently served as our recording secretary. Bert, in addition to quilting with the Piecemakers, took on the treasurer position which she also has held previously. A genuine thanks to Lindy Lynk and Jeanne Fitzpatrick who have agreed to join our board.

Together, some of us experienced the Block Museum exhibition of several artists' view of the Black experience in

All my best wishes for a healthy and fruitful spring and summer. Let's hope that more "in-person" smiles are in our future.

– Pat Ulmer



The University Circle of Northwestern University invites you to our

**ANNUAL MEETING AND SCHOLARSHIP TEA**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, FROM 4:00 TO 5:30 PM**

**Norris University Center, Northwestern Room, 2nd Floor**

Program:

**Election** of officers | **Presentation** of the 2022 Circle Scholarship  
**Conversation** with the recipients of the 2021 and 2022 Circle Scholarship

Guests are welcome. Parking is available in the South Campus parking garage at the Segal Visitors Center. Carpooling is encouraged.

Please RSVP no later than May 18 to Sally Sprowl,  
sds\_sprowl@hotmail.com or 847-420-7036

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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](http://www.northwestern.edu/university-circle)

## BOARD MEETINGS

University Circle Board meetings are held at noon on the third Thursday of most months, on the Evanston Campus. 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.

## A WALK ON CAMPUS

– by Diane Unger

April 19 was unseasonably cold and windy on Northwestern’s Evanston campus, but that didn’t stop a dozen or so Circle members and guests from enjoying a walking tour led by Ann Ziegelmaier, Northwestern’s landscape architect. After 38 years at Northwestern, Ann is a walking encyclopedia of all that exists both above and below ground on Northwestern’s two campuses.



Ann Ziegelmaier, NU landscape architect, leads Circle members and guests through the Marjorie Weinberg Memorial Garden.

From south campus to north and back again, Ann and her colleagues Nigel Chesters and Jeanne Scheller in Facilities Management led the group, starting at the Sculpture Garden and meandering through one of three oak groves, the Marjorie Weinberg Garden, the sunken Erickson-Koch Garden with its beautiful sculpture *Diana of the Chase*, the Deering Library Meadow, the Shakespeare Garden, the mid-campus green at Silverman Hall, the Kellogg perennial garden, the Lake Michigan shoreline, and ending at the student-run Wild Roots Garden on a Norris Center rooftop.



*Diana of the Chase* in the Erickson-Koch Memorial Garden south of Deering Library.

Along the way participants learned about damage caused by high lake levels and by rabbits and beaver, the “underground

spaghetti” of utilities that affect landscape design and management, how glass buildings impact migrating birds, adaptable versus native plants, quaking aspen trees as kinetic sculpture, permeable paving, utility steam vault modifications, lakefront remediation at the Sailing Center, chest-high yews gnawed down to knee height by beavers, proposals to trap stormwater for irrigation, and how geothermal systems and “green” roofs might be used for energy needs.

Asked about her proudest legacy, Ann didn’t hesitate. It’s the Arch, which she designed in 1983 at the request of then-president Arnold Weber. When her listeners expressed surprise that this campus landmark “hasn’t always been there,” she smiled and said that it had been the goal to make it appear that way.

Jane Dowding expressed what many were thinking: “I had no idea how connected the NU landscaping is with the underground pipes, wires and other infrastructure.” Ann explained that, among all the competing interests on campus, protecting Northwestern’s landscape is what she and her staff do, and from all appearances they do it exceedingly well.

## “MEETING” CAROLE WOOD

– by Sally Sprowl

On Thursday, February 24, over 15 Circle members had the opportunity to meet virtually with Carole Wood, Northwestern Settlement’s new president and CEO. Carole came to the Settlement last July with an extensive background in the non-profit world. Among the organizations she has served are the Chicago Public Schools, National Louis University and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago.

Carol opened her remarks by telling us a little about this background wherein she provided



these non-profits with expertise in fundraising, communications, administration and community outreach, among other areas. She also shared with us her hopes for the Settlement going forward, before answering many questions from Circle members, which covered such topics as House in the Wood camp in Wisconsin, the theater program, the relationship with Rowe Elementary and Middle Schools, family mental health services and activities for the Settlement neighborhood senior population. And very graciously, Carole has invited us to visit the Settlement House in person at some point!

# CIRCLE SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONORS 2021-2022

University Circle gratefully acknowledges those individuals who have contributed to its Tuition Scholarship Fund. Since the scholarship's inception in 2004, these scholarships have provided tuition funds for 43 recipients who are full-time employees of Northwestern University and who are enrolled in degree or certificate programs in the School of Professional Studies. We thank the following donors who contributed from May 2021 through April 2022.

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## NEWS AND NOTES

Thanks to Jane Dowding for updating the Circle membership directory and mailing it to all members. If you have not received a copy or if you have changes to report, please contact Jane at [dowdingjane@gmail.com](mailto:dowdingjane@gmail.com) or 847-446-0302.

Did you forget to renew your membership? If you haven't already done so, please send a check for \$25 payable to University Circle to Linda LaBuda, 9225 Harding Avenue, Evanston, IL 60203. Thank you!

*Thank you to Pat Ulmer and Melanie Anderson for providing photos.*



## CANDIDATES SLATED FOR ELECTION AT ANNUAL MEETING

The Nominating Committee announces the following slate of candidates for election to the executive board for two-year terms:

**Vice Presidents Membership:** Linda LaBuda and Margaret Schatz

**Recording Secretary:** Lindy Lynk

**Treasurer:** Jeanne Fitzpatrick

The election will be held at the annual meeting and scholarship tea on May 25.

*—Jane Dowding, Margaret Schatz and Linda LaBuda*

# UNIVERSITY CIRCLE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2022

The Scholarship Committee of University Circle announces with great pleasure the recipients of the 2022 University Circle Scholarship. This tuition scholarship is awarded to Northwestern University employees who are pursuing studies in NU's School of Professional Studies. We congratulate them and look forward to honoring them at a tea to be held on May 25 at Norris University Center. – Debbie Crimmins, Chair; Sally Dobroski and Jean Wilson



**MONA ASCHA** is a physician-scientist and clinical researcher. She is working towards a Master of Data Science degree and is passionate about the intersections of medicine, data science, and artificial intelligence. She hopes to use her MS Data Science degree to further hone her analytical skills and generate evidence to guide clinicians' practice. Mona is a first-generation American,

the daughter of immigrants from Syria. She has significant research experience and publications, which earned her honors with distinction in research at medical school.

**EVAN GOLDSTEIN** is a campus reliability engineer for Northwestern and is a candidate for the Master of Data Science degree. He hopes the degree will give him the tools to analyze data to prioritize maintenance work more effectively. His engineering work has ranged from developing cutting-edge wind power technology,



to building vast solar power facilities in Spain, to helping chemical and manufacturing facilities operate more safely. He has also spent a great deal of time assisting local nonprofits in the Evanston/Skokie area, helping them determine their present facilities conditions and future needs. He juggles work and school with raising four children.

**VALERIE SCHOONOVER** is working toward a Master of Public Policy & Administration degree and would like to run for public office in the future. She has volunteered with the gun violence prevention organization Moms Demand Action and canvassed with a local campaign for the candidate who would become the 47th ward alderman in Chicago. She currently works as assistant director, employer strategy at Northwestern Career Advancement where she was nominated for a Northwestern Student Affairs Social Justice award. She has participated in the Northwestern University Women (ANUW) Emerging Leaders Program.



University Circle thanks Margaret McCarthy, associate dean of student and alumni services, and Vanessa Carpenter, program assistant, in the School of Professional Studies for administering Circle's scholarship program.

## DONATIONS TO THE CIRCLE SCHOLARSHIP FUND CONTINUE TO MAKE THESE SCHOLARSHIPS POSSIBLE

Donations are always welcome and will ensure that this important Circle program continues. Please consider a donation in any amount, and note "Circle Scholarship at SPS" when making your donation.

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1201 Davis Street, Evanston, IL 60208.



## BLOCK EXHIBIT ADDRESSES ANTI-BLACK VIOLENCE

– by Diane Unger

Circle members gathered at The Block Museum of Art on March 31 to view a thought-provoking exhibition titled, “A Site of Struggle: American Art against Anti-Black Violence.” After a short introduction given by Erin Northington, the museum’s associate director for campus and community education and engagement, members toured the exhibition on their own.

The exhibition, which was organized by The Block, presents 65 objects covering the period from the 1890s through 2013. Three themes are highlighted: Written on the Body shows artworks that take on the psychological impacts of racism; the works in Abstraction and Affect convey anti-Black violence without showing overt images of suffering; and A Red Record refers to an anti-lynching pamphlet written by Ida B. Wells in 1895 to show how artists and activists used images of violence to protest said violence.

The visitor guide, with an introduction by curator Janet Dees, and additional exhibition programming offer viewers context for the art and support for reflecting on the issues presented. For more information, see [tinyurl.com/yc6dscm8](https://tinyurl.com/yc6dscm8).

The exhibit, which has been named a NewcityArt Top 5 for May, is at the Block through July 10.



Participants in the Block exhibit tour: top: Elisabeth Malthouse; middle, left to right: Debbie Crimmins, Jane Dowding, Mary Paula Baumann; bottom, left to right: Diane Unger, Sally Sprowl, Pat Ulmer, Kay Gordon, Barbara Keer

## THE JOY OF JELL-O, REDDI-WIP AND CHEEZ WHIZ

– by Diane Unger

On February 7, University Circle members were guests of University Guild for a virtual program titled “Midcentury Cuisine: Food Fads from the ‘40s through the ‘60s.” From her virtual midcentury kitchen while wearing every 1950s-era housewife’s favorite strand of pearls, Leslie Goddard, well-known historical interpreter, author and public speaker, cooked up a lively presentation on the food products that many of us grew up with.

Leslie explained that starting in the 1930s when most foods were purchased fresh or canned, some processed foods such as Velveeta, Wonder Bread and Bisquick began to appear. World War II spurred an increase in processed foods, so that by the 1950s most grocery store products were processed. By 1955, when TVs appeared in American homes, frozen dinners became popular, especially for the kids when



Mom and Dad went out in the evening. Later it was more common for home cooks to combine processed foods into cooked dishes, such as condensed soup, frozen green beans and freeze-dried onion rings for green-bean casserole.



After exploring the role that technology, international cuisine, societal changes, cookbooks and magazines, advertising and marketing and more played in home cooking, Leslie took questions from her appreciative audience.



Hungry for more? Leslie’s favorite recipes and a reading list can be found on her website at [tinyurl.com/2p9hmp3h](https://tinyurl.com/2p9hmp3h).

Many thanks to Kay Hamel, president of Northwestern Guild and member of Northwestern Circle, for including Circle members in this nostalgic flashback.

# PIECEMAKERS' QUILTS BENEFIT WOMEN AND CHILDREN

– by Margaret Schatz and Lonnie Dunlap

It was a busy year for Piecemakers, Circle's quilt group. In December, the 45 lap quilts that had been displayed at the backyard quilt show in October (see November 2021 issue) were ready for donating. Margaret Schatz and Bert Mount delivered the quilts to Deborah's Place, a service organization helping unaccompanied and homeless women in Chicago. There they met Jean Durkin who gave them a tour and explained how the quilts will be distributed to the residents.

After meeting virtually for much of the year, Piecemakers were happy to meet in person recently to work on a group project to support Lurie Children's Foundation. A grandparent alum of Lurie Children's Hospital had asked Melanie Anderson to round up quilters to put together T-shirt quilts for the Lurie Children's Foundation. During Piecemakers' Zoom meeting in March, several members agreed to help, and it was decided to do a sew-a-thon. Bert Mount made arrangements to use the work space at her church, Immanuel Lutheran in Evanston. On April 2, eight Piecemakers gathered with sewing machines, rotary cutters and rulers to transform donated T-shirts, which had already been stabilized and cut into squares, into two 12-block quilt tops. After adding backing and batting, the quilts will be tied or machine quilted and ready for donating to Lurie Children's Foundation.

Piecemakers are hoping for good weather during the summer months, with plans to meet outdoors to work on more projects and enjoy time with one another.



Pieced T-shirt blocks ready for quilting before donating to Lurie Children's Foundation.



One of 45 quilts donated to women at Deborah's Place.



Another quilt to warm the lap of a resident at Deborah's Place.

## Remembering Our Circle Friends

*NU Circle was saddened to learn of the passing of these friends. Our hearts are with their families at this time.*

**Eileen McGowan** passed away on November 22, 2021. Eileen had a long history with Circle, having joined when her husband John joined NU Library in the 1960s. She served as Circle president and made many friends among Circle members over the 50-plus years that she was a member.

**Jim Brown** passed away on November 27, 2021. He was married to Margareta Brown, who has been a member of NU Circle for over 50 years and who served as treasurer several years ago.

**Robert Hastings**, husband of Circle member Julie Roth Hastings, passed away on December 19, 2021. Bob was himself a member and supporter of Circle, having joined in 2018 after his first wife and Circle member Margaret "Pat" Hastings passed away the previous year.

**Richard Parmelee**, husband of 50-plus-year Circle member Carolyn Parmelee, passed away on February 12, 2022. Dick was a professor of civil engineering at Northwestern, and together he and Carolyn have given many years of service to Northwestern.



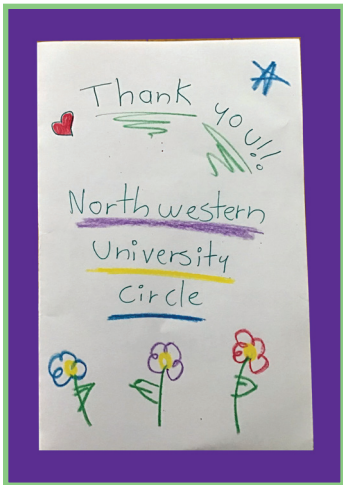


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## **NU CIRCLE AND SETTLEMENT: WORKING TOGETHER FOR FAMILIES**



As in years past, Circle members contributed generously to the Adopt-a-Family Holiday Project in December 2021. The long-time project supports five Northwestern Settlement families, who appreciate and are grateful for your support.

Your donations provided a \$50 Target gift card to each of 14 family members. In addition, you gave \$350 Visa gift cards to the larger families and \$250 Visa gift cards to the smaller families to use at their own discretion. Because of your generosity, we raised an excess of \$1315, which was donated to Settlement for their emergency fund.

Each family also received a cozy throw blanket and each child received a new book, donations made possible from Circle's budget.

*Thank you so much to those listed below for making these gifts possible.*

**Adopt-a-Family Project Committee: Margaret Schatz, Jane Dowding, Linda LaBuda, Sally Sprowl, Candice Dalrymple and Pat Ulmer**

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