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NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY CIRCLE

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## Message from the Presidents

We would like to welcome all of you, new members as well as long-standing members, to Northwestern University Circle as we begin our 2013-2014 school year. With fall underway, the campus is bustling with activity. Students are lining Sheridan Road, and ongoing construction projects in all corners of the campus indicate that Northwestern is indeed a University on the go.



Jane Dowding



Trink Newman

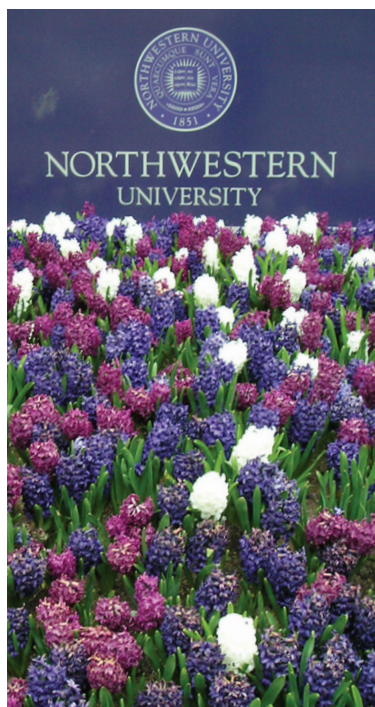
dining experience in November. Our thanks go out to the current board members for their work in organizing these events for all of us to enjoy.

In closing, we would like to thank Sally Dobroski and Jean Wilson for their leadership of University Circle from 2011 through June, 2013. As we settle into leading Circle this year, we are beginning

to more fully appreciate all their hard work to University Circle moving forward in such a smooth manner for the past two years!

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## Meet the University Circle Board 2013-14

L-R: Diane Unger, Sally Dobroski, Jane Dowding, Pat Ulmer, Margaret Schatz, Elisabeth Malthouse, Remi Akinyemi, Trink Newman



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

## Board Meetings

University Circle Board meetings are held at noon on the third Thursday of most months, at Parkes Hall, first floor, Room 120. All members are welcome. Meetings typically last one hour and are always lively and fun. Please contact one of the co-presidents if you plan to attend and/or if you have an item for the agenda.

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<b>Spanish Conversation</b>	Nancy Allred
<b>Piecemakers Quilters</b>	Margaret Schatz Cathryn Timmers
<b>Scholarship</b>	Barbara Rossow
<b>Settlement House</b>	Claudia Krizek (Holiday Project) Sylvia Taflove (Kids' Concert) Eileen McGowan (Kids' Concert) Jane Wilson (Holiday Project)
<b>Social Service</b>	Glenda Mockros (General Chair) Marietta Paynter
<b>International Women</b>	Joan Fragen

For information about other interest groups, please contact either co-president.

## Circle Spring Luncheon

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. This year's scholarship was awarded to Stephanie Cisneros (see *Scholarship article page 4*).



"Elizabeth Cady Stanton" – Eileen Vorbach of WomanLore

After lunch members were treated to a performance by Eileen Vorbach from WomanLore. Dressed in period costume she brought to life the character of Elizabeth Cady Stanton (1815-1902), the American social activist and leading figure of the early woman's movement. Stanton's Declaration of Sentiments, presented at the first women's right convention in 1948, is often seen as the beginning of the organized woman's rights and woman's suffrage movement in the US. Circle members enjoyed finding out more about this exciting part of history in this excellent performance.



## University Circle Business Cards

by Trink Newman

One of the ideas we picked up at the Big Ten meeting this year was that of carrying a couple of calling cards about Circle in our purses or wallets. It is an easy way to inform anyone you meet who may be interested in Circle, as we are not in a habit of carrying brochures around with us. We have enclosed three with this newsletter to get you started (feel free to reuse the envelope). More will be available at Circle meetings and gatherings in case you run out. If you are not a Circle member but are getting this mailing, perhaps you can share the idea with others in and for your group.



## University Circle Scholarship

by Barbara Rossow

On May 17, 2013 University Circle awarded a scholarship to Stephanie Cisneros. Stephanie is a Program Assistant in the Office of Corporate Relations. This spring, she began a Master's of Liberal Studies degree with a focus on international history and education. Stephanie was accompanied by her parents and sister. The scholarship was presented at a luncheon in the Guild Lounge of Scott Hall.

Also present at the luncheon were two previous scholarship recipients—Tina Espina and Jodi Nicolai. Tina joined the staff at Northwestern seven years ago. She is Coordinator of the Accreditation Council for



Graduate Medical Education at the Feinberg School of Medicine. Tina is working toward a bachelor's degree in general science with a major in organizational behavior. Jodi works in the Interventional Oncology Laboratory in the Department of Radiology at the Feinberg School of Medicine. She will receive a Master's of Science degree in Clinical Research and Regulatory Administration in June.

Since the scholarship's inception in 2004, there have been 17 recipients. In keeping with scholarship guidelines, all recipients are full-time employees at Northwestern and enrolled in degree or certificate programs through the School of Continuing Studies.

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## 2013 Big 10 Women's Conference

by Trink Newman

Jean Wilson, Sally Dobroski, Gay Menges, and Trink Newman spent a lovely weekend on the University of Illinois Campus, June 7 - 9. On Friday evening we had a bus tour through the Urbana/Champaign campus ending at the magnificent home of the University President where we were served a luscious buffet of creative finger foods and were given a tour of the house. On Saturday we were addressed by Dr. Bruce Bojak on thought patterns in innovation and attended workshops on Communications/Technology, Scholarships/Fundraising/Finance, Leadership, and Membership/Newcomers,



L-R: Trink Newman, Jean Wilson, Gay Menges, Sally Dobroski

then toured either the Supercomputer and Beckman Institute or the Art Museums and Gardens. The evening banquet included entertainment by a male a capella quartet. The Sunday morning business meeting mainly addressed a proposal to change the name of the conference to make it more inclusive as many clubs include men and non-university-related community members (which did not pass) followed by short presentations by each of the member clubs to share their activities. The Ohio State University then presented its invitation to the 2015 conference to be held in Columbus.

# Visiting the Cuneo Mansion

by Margaret Schatz

Two groups of Circle members traveled to Vernon Hills on separate days in October for private tours of the Cuneo Mansion, operated by Loyola University of Chicago. The display of a couture collection from the Martha Weathered shop on Michigan Avenue, worn by Mrs. Cuneo and her sister in the 1960's, had inspired the visits. Docent Lisa Cushing-Davis shared her vast knowledge of the mansion, its furnishings and the Insull and Cuneo families who lived there. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed her enthusiastic presentations of Cuneo's past and present and hopes for its future. While we learned much from Lisa, Circle members Maria Poeppelmeier and Gayle Mason were able to expand her information about fabrics, fashion and dressmaking. The Saturday, October 12, group followed the tour with lunch at Nirvana Wine and Grillerie, while the Friday, October 18 group lunched at Liberty; both restaurants are in Libertyville.

All who went agreed it was a fun outing and look forward to our next excursion.



L-R: Debbie Crimmins, Lisa Davis, Pat Ulmer, Esther Segel (seated), Sally Dobroski



L-R: Margareta Brown, Margaret Schatz, Maria Poeppelmeier, Gayle Mason, Trink Newman, Ann Peterson



## Board Meeting Schedule

### The University Circle Executive Board

meets in  
Parkes Hall, 1st floor  
Room 120  
12 noon - 1:00 pm on the  
following dates:

2013			
November 21		December no meeting	
2014			
January 16	February 20	March 20	April 17
May Annual Meeting & Luncheon TBA		June Year-end Potluck TBA	

## Ethnic Dining Group

Circle members always enjoy the outings with the Ethnic Dining group.

Last May, a group of Circle members had dinner together at Big Jones, a restaurant in the Andersonville neighborhood in Chicago, that specializes in Southern heirloom cooking. Chef and co-owner Paul Fehribach focuses on sustainably grown heritage and heirloom crops and livestock and sustainable seafood.

The group enjoyed a multi-course dinner that included potato and goat cheese croquettes as a starter, a delicious dish of shrimp and grits, grilled asparagus with grapefruit and pecans, chicken and dumplings, and last, but not least, Creole sweet rice fritters with dulce de leche and chocolate sauce.

The next outing with the Ethnic Dining group will not be a dinner but lunch at another Andersonville restaurant, the Italian restaurant Antepima, 5316 N. Clark Street, Chicago, on November 10. This restaurant offers authentic Italian cuisine with seasonal, often locally sourced, ingredients. Sunday lunch will be family-style and includes a shared plate of appetizers, a choice of one of two pastas, one of two entrees, and a plate of shared desserts.



## ETOPiA Play

On Sunday, October 6th, a group of Circle members attended a performance of *The Agony and Ecstasy of Steve Jobs*, a play by Mike Daisey, directed and performed by Lance Baker.

This intriguing one-man play focuses on how Steve Jobs and his obsessions have shaped our lives. It leads from the very beginnings of the development of the Apple computer in California to factories in modern-day China, where Apple products are manufactured. Daisey describes the working conditions of products that we all know and use in our everyday lives and makes us reflect on our involvement in these issues.

The original version of the play caused controversy when it was revealed that Mike Daisey reported events as if he had witnessed them first-hand when this was not the case. The Northwestern performance was based on a revised version of the play that does no longer contain the disputed stories. The audience was however dismissed in the end with the task to go out and discover the truth for themselves.

A short question-and-answer session followed the performance. The producer of the play was Matthew Grayson, Associate Professor, Electrical Engineering & Computer Science. ETOPIA stands for The Engineering Transdisciplinary Outreach Project in the Arts, an annual event hosted by the McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Sciences. It likes to inspire a cross-disciplinary dialogue about the role of science and technology in society. Circle members who attended the performance agreed that it was very thought-provoking and they are looking forward to another ETOPIA play next year.

# Tours of Northwestern Settlement House & Rowe School

by Sally Dobroski

Last April, Dorothy Sissors arranged for Circle members to visit Northwestern Settlement House and Rowe Elementary Charter School. Ron Manderschied, president of Northwestern Settlement, gave a very informative and enthusiastic tour.

Located in Chicago's West Town community, Northwestern Settlement House has served its 'neighbors' since 1891 through programming that focuses on education, social services and the arts. Each year Circle offers support by hosting Settlement children and parents at a Saturday morning Kids' Fare Concert held at NU's Pick-Staiger Concert Hall. At holiday time, families are gifted with handmade quilts, knitted mittens and scarves, as well as with purchased clothes and household items.

Rowe Elementary School is operated by Northwestern Settlement. Its mission is to prepare students to succeed in and graduate from college by cultivating the desire to go to college and delivering an academically rigorous curriculum

infused with unique social and emotional programming. Circle members enjoyed visiting classrooms, seeing students engaged in their daily lessons.

Mr. Manderschied's 'insiders' tour of both campuses gave Circle participants a glimpse into life in West Town and wet their appetites to learn more.



## Class of 2027 from Rowe Elementary Charter School Visits Northwestern

by Carolyn Krulee

On May 21, 2013, over 100 enthusiastic second-grade students from the class of 2027 (currently second grade students at Rowe Elementary Charter School, operated by Northwestern University Settlement) visited the Northwestern University campus. They came in four school buses accompanied by their teachers and some of their parents. The students were from the following classrooms, which are named after colleges: UCLA, Denver, Stanford and Illinois.

The visitors toured parts of the campus and had a class in a classroom, taught by their teachers. At the same time, parents listened to and asked questions of a panel of Northwestern faculty and students discussing "The Top Ten Things You Should Know About College".

Members of the University Circle, along with members of the Evanston Woman's Board of the Settlement House, acted as hosts, tour guides, and lunch companions, having supplied the cookies for the guests!

Special thanks from the Rowe students for the splendid college experience.

In April, Circle members also helped with the tour of Northwestern by sophomore students from the Noble Street Charter Preparatory High School.



There will be emails and/or mailed flyers about these events. Please visit [www.northwestern.edu/university-circle](http://www.northwestern.edu/university-circle) regularly to stay informed about the latest Circle news, upcoming programs and volunteer opportunities.

## Winter 2013-2014 Calendar of Events

Mark your calendar for these upcoming Circle events:

2013 -

November 10

Ethnic Dining Group

Lunch at Antepriima, 5316 N. Clark Street

in Chicago at 1:00 pm

December 11

Wrapping Party & Cookie Exchange

location TBD

2014 -

February 5

One Book One Northwestern

Keynote by author Roger Thurow on

"The Last Hunger Season: A Year in an

African Farm Community on the Brink

of Change" at 4:30 pm

February 22

Potluck & Play "Cabaret"

