



Courier

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Dear Circle Friends,

It's winter! If you are like me, you may be asking, "What happened to Fall?" And you may be wondering what happened to your Fall Courier. Well, it fell behind!

Last Spring, the membership survey made it very clear that you value your Courier and you want it printed on paper, postage affixed and delivered to your home by the US Postal Service. Well, here it is! We promise to continue to bring you all the Courier news that's fit to print, as requested.

By now you have received membership and scholarship mailings as well as the mailing about the families we are supporting this year with our annual holiday project. The wrapping party and cookie exchange was the first Circle program that I attended as a new member. Of course, I joined immediately. I wonder what is was...the idea of making a happy holiday season for Settlement families, the fun we had wrapping the gifts and chatting, the wonderful women I met that night...or the cookies?

Melissa



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Calendar of Events

Holiday Wrapping & Cookie Exchange

Wednesday, December 8 at 7:00 pm

Don't miss this annual December celebration when we wrap hundreds of gifts for families served by the NU Settlement House. When our elfish chores are done, we enjoy eating and swapping homemade cookies. Our hostess this year is Barbara Rossow. Her address is: 731 Park Avenue, Wilmette.

Save the Date:

Thursday, May 19 at 12 Noon: Spring Luncheon

The Luncheon will be in the Guild Lounge, Scott Hall and the speaker will be our own Coleen Burrus. Colleen is an Evanston Alderman in addition to her day job as Director of Corporate Relations in the NU Development Office. She's an engaging speaker and will give a lively presentation about the challenges and rewards of being a woman in local politics. Our Circle scholarship will also be awarded.

Keep your eye out for more information about the **Spring Luncheon** and other upcoming events:

January 28 – Book discussion: *Mountains Beyond Mountains* by Tracy Kidder

February 26 – Potluck supper and student opera, "The Magic Flute"

April – Spring field trip and/or tour

May – Outdoor activity

June 10-12 – Big 10 Women's Organizations meeting at Purdue

July – Dinner out and Summer Theater



Our 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 the President if you plan to attend and if you have an item for the agenda.

Welcome to Our New Members!

Lindsay Greco

Lindsay grew up in Buffalo Grove, Illinois. She went to school in Minneapolis and worked there for a few years before moving back to the Chicago area this past July. Lindsay is a Research Training Manager in the Office for Research Integrity at NU. She loves Chicago and is happy to be back. When asked about her hobbies, she said, "I like to dance and I read a lot."

Cathy Hume

Cathy has just moved to Evanston from Leeds, UK, with her husband Mark Kauntze who has a 2 year postdoctoral fellowship in the Classics Department. She is currently dividing her time between researching Middle English literature, working on a novel, and exploring Evanston and Chicago.

Sandra Schwan

Sandy is the managing partner of Evolving Strategies LLC, Chicago, a consulting firm helping companies and people learn, adapt, and perform. She holds a Master of Science degree in adult learning and strategic organizational change from Northwestern University's School of Education and Social Policy where she received the Director's Innovator Award. For more about her work, check out:

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Please be sure to seek out Lindsay, Cathy, and Sandra and welcome them to Circle!

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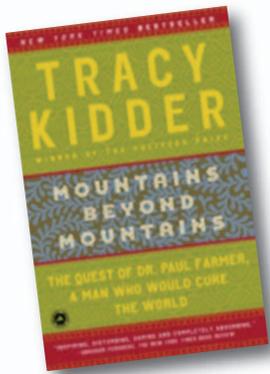
Interest Group & Project Contacts

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

Directory Updates: Please contact Nancy Spears at (847) 998-1277 or Nancy@spears.net by December 27 if you have updates or corrections for the directory.

One Book One Northwestern 2010-2011



One Book One Northwestern is a campus wide program that brings students, staff and faculty together around a single book. The goal is to build community by promoting conversation and collaboration across disciplines and schools. The project is an annual initiative of the Office of the President and is coordinated by a different department each year.

This year's book is Tracy Kidder's powerful *Mountains Beyond Mountains*, the story of Dr. Paul Farmer, a Harvard-educated physician who has spent much of his life applying his skills and energy to solve some of the problems in Haiti and other impoverished countries. His remarkable story cannot help but to make us think about how we as individuals can

make a difference in the lives of others and at the same time give our own lives more meaning.

All members of the NU community are invited to read the book, reflect on it and engage with others through a variety of activities such as blogging, attending related programs, and participating in discussion groups.

Tracy Kidder will be on campus to speak about his new book *Strength in What Remains* (February 9th) and to give the One Book One Northwestern keynote address on *Mountains Beyond Mountains* (February 10th).

Circle is organizing a discussion group on the book for January. Please e-mail or call Jean Wilson if you are interested in participating. (wilsonjean2@gmail.com or (847) 724-9413)

For information on how you can download the book for free, to see the calendar of related events or to get on the One Book e-mail list, visit the web-site at: www.onebooknu.org

2010 Spring Luncheon

Nearly 60 Circle members and their guests attended the May 20, 2010, Spring Luncheon. Highlights of the day included a wonderful meal catered by Evanston's "Fraiche;" the presentation of our Circle Scholarship to two delightful and deserving young women (see Scholarship article); and a fascinating talk about the life of Jane Addams and the settlement movement in Chicago by Louise W. Knight. Ms. Knight, author of *Citizen: Jane Addams and the Struggle for Democracy* (2005) and more recently *Jane Addams, Spirit in Action* (2010), proved to be a lively and provocative speaker. She was generous with her time, staying after the luncheon to answer questions, chat with members and autograph her book. An adjunct faculty member in the Department of Communication Studies at NU, she shows up regularly in the news – including recent appearances on WGN and Fox News – and in articles in the Tribune, The Sun-Times, The Boston Globe and the Wall Street Journal to name just a few papers. (Photo of Louise Knight by Joseph G. Barabe)



Quilt Show In Milwaukee

A car load of Circle quilters drove to the Milwaukee Art Museum in early September to see a show featuring rare surviving textiles of the late 1700s and early 1800s from Winterthur Museum & Country Estate in Delaware. The exhibition included some of the finest and earliest American printed textiles, a quilted Indian palampore, and a kaleidoscopic sunburst quilt featuring over 6,700 pieces of printed cotton. There were quilts of hand printed American cottons, early silk Quaker quilts, great chintzes, signature quilts, and a stunning whitework quilt that survives with its maker's correspondence. In addition to browsing in the exhibition, we listened to the gallery talk, visited the gift shop, and had a nice lunch at the café downstairs.



A palampore is a type of bed cover that was hand made in India for the export market during the eighteenth and very early nineteenth century. Few examples have survived so they are often quite valuable.

Whitework is embroidery worked in white thread on white material. This ancient technique originated in India and China and has been popular in the west since the Middle Ages.



**Do You Know the Answer
What was "The Purple Oak?"**



Thank You to Board & Volunteers

In June, the Board and other volunteers met at Melissa Leasia's home to thank our retiring Board members for their many years of dedicated service. Stepping down were Recording Secretaries Jeanne Baldwin and Pat Mathis, and Treasurer Bert Mount. Thank you, ladies! We couldn't have done it without you. At the same time, we welcomed four newcomers to the Board, Treasurer Remi Akinyemi, Recording Secretary Trink Newman and Program Co-Chairs Jean Wilson and Sally Dobroski.



You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown

A dozen Circle members, along with family and friends, enjoyed dinner out and the theater in July. "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," the ageless musical based on Charles M. Schulz's classic comic strip "Peanuts" covered everything from the trials of first love to Little League championships. Produced by the Theatre and Interpretation Center at Northwestern, it was part of the Center's 2010 Summer Theater Festival. The show was simply staged in the intimate Hal and Martha Hyer Wallis Theater. The cast was uniformly excellent. "The Doctor is In" was performed by Lucy, "The Kite," by Charlie Brown, "The Book Report" by the full cast and, of course, "My Blanket and Me" was performed by Linus. Keep your eye out for information and plan to join us next summer – we will definitely do this again.



Answers

This is the main door of Swift Hall (1909), a gift of Mrs. Gustavus F. Swift and her son Edward F. Swift. The building, which shows the influence of the Prairie School of Architecture, was designed by George W. Maher as the home of the College of Engineering. The five-story Bedford limestone building received an addition in 1945 for training facilities, including a rifle range, for the Navy College Training Program and was renamed the Naval Science Building. Today the building is again known as Swift Hall and houses the WCAS Psychology Department.

The Purple Oak was a tea room operated in 1922 by alumnae, faculty wives, and female students to raise money for the Women's Building Fund. \$7,000 was raised. The Fund eventually contributed \$200,000 towards the building of Scott Hall.

Cooking Demo and Lunch At Whole Foods in Evanston

On two days in September, Circle members were treated to cooking demonstrations at the Whole Foods store in downtown Evanston, and then we got to eat the tasty results! Chef Buffy Feinstein, director of the store's demonstration kitchen, put together two different menus, demonstrating various cooking techniques and introducing us to some new ingredients (has any one used fresh pasta sheets before?). The first menu included pumpkin ravioli, roasted beet salad and molten chocolate cake. The second day's menu was spinach quiche, roasted vegetable pasta, and apple crisp a la mode. Chef was friendly and knowledgeable and she clearly enjoyed sharing her expertise and food with us. Look for her recipes in the next few issues of the Courier.



Pumpkin Ravioli with Brown Butter, Sage & Hazelnuts



Serves 10
(makes 60 pieces)

Ravioli

2 cups ricotta cheese
2 cups pumpkin puree
1 cup grated fresh parmesan cheese
2 T fresh sage, minced
2 t ground nutmeg
1 t salt
½ t pepper
¼ t ground cloves
2 packages fresh pasta sheets
2 T olive oil
½ cup flour

Sauce

1 cup hazelnuts
1 cup unsalted butter
12-15 fresh sage leaves
1 large pinch grated nutmeg
½ cup grated fresh Parmesan

Combine all ravioli ingredients except for pasta sheets, olive oil and flour. Mix well.

Cut pasta sheets into 2" x 4" rectangles. Place a heaping teaspoon of pumpkin mixture on one side of each rectangle, leaving edges free. Brush edges lightly with water. Fold the pasta in half over the filling. Crimp the edges with the tines of a fork. Dust ravioli with a bit of flour to keep them from sticking together.

Preheat oven to 250° F. Spread hazelnuts on a baking tray. Toast until light golden brown and fragrant, 5 to 7 minutes. Cool. Coarsely chop.

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add 1 T of olive oil. Add ravioli. Cook for 4 minutes or until they float to the top. Using a large spoon, carefully remove ravioli to a large platter. Gently toss with just enough olive oil to keep them from sticking.

In a sauté pan, melt the butter. When butter sizzles and starts to brown, stir in nutmeg. Pour over ravioli and sprinkle with toasted hazelnuts, parmesan cheese and sage.



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**What building is this
and what goes on
inside it?** *(answer pg 4)*



Congratulations to Circle Scholarship Recipients

At the luncheon on May 20, 2010, University Circle awarded two scholarships. The recipients are Emily Ayshford and Sheila Kessler.

Emily Ayshford is a science writer for the McCormick School of Engineering. She is working on an MFA in Creative Writing with an emphasis on fiction. Emily is a graduate of the University of Minnesota, where she majored in journalism with a minor in German Studies. Emily's writing has received recognition most recently in the 2009 Union League Circle and Arts Foundation Creative Writing Contest and in the short fiction contest sponsored by the literary magazine Glimmer's Train. Emily was accompanied by her partner Patrick Pyszka.

Sheila Kessler is Evaluation Manager at Northwestern's Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute, where she has worked for 12 years. A cum laude graduate of Northwestern, Sheila is working on a masters degree in public policy and administration. In 2009, Sheila won a Service Excellence Award from the University. She's a member of ANUW (Association of Northwestern University Women) and University Circle. Sheila was accompanied by her friend and peer mentor Elizabeth Kollross.