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NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY CIRCLE

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Colorful spring flowers everywhere show that spring has finally arrived in the Midwest.

And spring of course means that Circle's annual Spring Luncheon is just around the corner. It will take place on May 7th in the Lake Room at the Norris University Center. I hope many of you will be able to join us. You will have the opportunity to meet this year's Circle Scholarship winners and hear their inspiring stories. The featured speaker will be Margo Brown, retired Assistant Dean of Students and Student Affairs, who will talk about The Margo Brown Northwestern Student Emergency Fund. Please look for more information about the luncheon inside this newsletter. Thank you to all the donors who have contributed to the Scholarship fund!

Over the winter, several Circle events offered a chance for Circle members to get together. In December, Margaret Schatz again generously hosted the annual wrapping party. The many hands quickly wrapped the gifts for families in need at Northwestern Settlement and afterwards everyone enjoyed sampling the tasty Christmas cookies. Thank you to everyone who generously donated gifts, money and time!



On a snowy Sunday evening in early February, a group of Circle members visited the restaurant Avli in Winnetka and enjoyed a good selection of flavorful Greek food served family-style. And then in early March, it was time for the annual Potluck-and-Play, another favorite Circle event. Everyone enjoyed the variety of delicious potluck dishes, the informative presentation by the dramaturg Liz Laurie, and then of course the exciting performance of the musical *Guys and Dolls* itself.

The Women's Club of Indiana University, Bloomington, will host this year's Big Ten Conference, from June 14-16. The conference topic is *Blooming Women: Honoring the Past, Envisioning the Future*.

The four years as President of the University Circle have gone by very quickly. I am grateful to be part of such a wonderful group of women. But it all would not be possible without the support and work of the board members and interest group chairs. I appreciate your work very much and would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all.

*Elisabeth Malthouse*



The University Circle of Northwestern University invites you to our

## 2019 ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCHEON

**Tuesday, May 7 at 12 Noon** Norris University Center Room #203 (Lake Room)

### PROGRAM

- Election of University Circle officers
- Margo Brown, retired assistant dean of students and student affairs, will speak about The Margo Brown Northwestern Student Emergency Fund
- Presentation of the 2019 Circle Scholarship winners

**RESERVATIONS** \$20 per person, payable by cash or check at the luncheon.

Guests are welcome. Any potential member will be hosted by Circle.

**RSVP BY MAY 2** to Jane Knight Dampts: [j-dampts@northwestern.edu](mailto:j-dampts@northwestern.edu)

When making reservations, please indicate entree of either chicken or salmon.

### PARKING

Available for \$8 in the South Campus parking garage at the Segal Visitors Center. Carpooling is encouraged.

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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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| Spanish Conversation    | Elisabeth Malthouse |
| Piecemakers Quilters    | Margaret Schatz     |
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| Scholarship             | Gay Menges          |
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For information about other interest groups, please contact the president.

# SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS TO BE HONORED AT SPRING LUNCHEON

The Scholarship Committee of University Circle announces with great pleasure the recipients of the 2019 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 Circle's spring luncheon on May 7.

— Gay Menges, chair; Jane Dampts, Sally Dobroski, Lonnie Dunlap, and Jean Wilson



**EMILY KEFFERSTAN** is working toward her bachelor's degree in Organizational Behavior with a goal of a master's in Fine Art Management. Her overall focus is to grow her theatre career. Returning to school after a forced break for medical reasons, Emily is involved with Chicago's bustling theatre community where she works as

a production manager, currently for Steep Theatre and soon with Griffin Theatre. In addition, she is the associate chair for the Edgewater Andersonville Theatre District, an organization that brings together over 20 theatre companies. Emily is a facilitator for Northwestern's LGBTQ Allyship Training program where she helps coordinate training workshops for faculty and staff to support people of all gender identities and sexualities in an environment free of discrimination and harassment. And she works full time as Program Assistant III, Registration and Scheduling, Office of the Registrar.

**STEPHEN MONTEIRO** seeks to investigate the proper role for nonprofit organizations in public administration. He begins with questions concerning how we come to know the nature and extent of our moral and political obligations to self and society. Because philanthropy studies is highly quantitative, Stephen has enrolled in the Data Science Bootcamp in addition to his classes at SPS where he is working toward a post-baccalaureate in Data Science. His goal is a PhD in Political Science. Stephen is a Financial Assistant in the Political Science Department at the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences. He works with Northwestern Unidos and Kellogg ENLACE to support the educational and professional needs of Latinx employees and students. His work with nonprofit organizations is focused on grant writing and change management with the goal of helping nonprofits develop compelling programming on a shoe-string budget.



**LUCY WEATHERLY**, while working as the Financial Services Specialist at the NU Center for Audiology, Speech, Language and Learning, is also taking four classes each quarter as she works toward a bachelor's degree in Communication Studies at SPS. Never having gone to college before, she finds that she is flourishing and learning in her position and says, "I am eager and excited to actually go to college!" As the mom of a 19-year-old son who is also in college at DePauw University in Indiana, she is enjoying the mutual pride and encouragement they can give each other. She says, "There is a strong voice inside me that I want to use to help others. The classes have started to mold that voice and the revelations have been life changing already." Her involvement with Unidos for Latinx professionals and with the GAP Center in Chicago underscores her community involvement.



*University Circle and the Scholarship Committee thank Margaret McCarthy, associate dean of student and alumni services, and her staff in the School of Professional Studies for administering and managing Circle's scholarship program.*

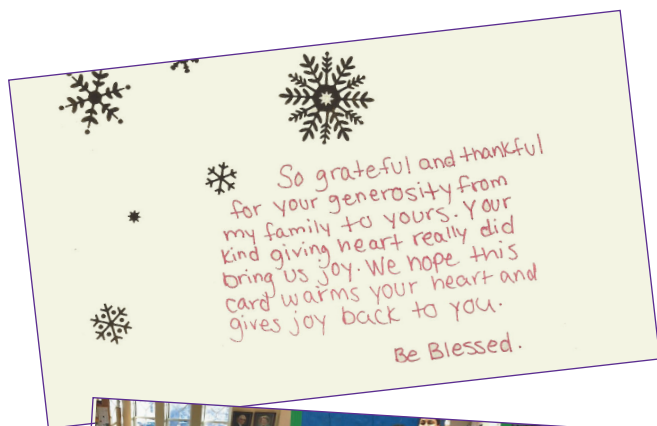
Donations to the Circle Scholarship Fund continue to make these scholarships possible. Please consider giving in any amount, and note "Circle Scholarship at SPS" when making your donation.

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- Give by calling Northwestern's Annual Giving office at 800-222-5603
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## MANY HANDS MAKE SETTLEMENT HOLIDAY PROJECT A SUCCESS

The Adopt-a-Family Holiday Project has been a beloved Circle endeavor for many years, and last December's was no exception. Circle members were generous with their gifts of time and money to help five families sponsored by Northwestern Settlement celebrate the Christmas season. A total of \$1535 was received from 17 members, along with 52 gift contributions from 18 members. Add to that many hours spent organizing the online gift list, shopping for gifts and gift cards, hosting and organizing the wrapping party, wrapping the gifts and delivering them. It's a big job, but the accompanying expressions of gratitude from the families and Settlement are a reminder that it's all worthwhile. Thanks to all the Circle members listed below who contributed to this effort. **Special thanks to the team that makes the project so successful: Carol Nielsen, Pat Ulmer and Margaret Schatz.**

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| Carol Booth        | Claudia Krizek      | Margaret Schatz |
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| Jane Dowding       | Carol Nielsen       | Judi Ungashick  |
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| Maureen Hanrahan   | Myrnic Ravitch      | Jean Wilson     |
| Barbara Keer       | Miriam Schapiro     | Anita Yamada    |



## "COOKIES ARE WELCOME"

What better way is there to start the holiday season than joining Circle friends for an evening of wrapping holiday gifts and sharing good food and good company? Those who gathered at Margaret Schatz's house on December 11 rolled up their sleeves and got to work, wrapping almost 50 gifts for five families sponsored by Northwestern Settlement for Circle's Adopt-a-Family Holiday Project. After an hour or two of boxing, cutting, taping, tying and labeling, the work was done and it was on to the cookies! And by popular demand, Elisabeth Malthouse brought her exquisite cake, the recipe for which she has generously offered to share below. Thanks to Pat Ulmer and Carol Nielsen for their superb organizational skills, to Margaret for sharing her festive and "wrapping-friendly" home, and to all those who joined in the fun.

### AUSTRIAN WALNUT TORTE WITH COFFEE WHIPPED CREAM

(Nusstorte)

from Classic Home Desserts by Richard Sax

#### WALNUT TORTE

8 large eggs, separated  
 3/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar  
 1 1/2 cups (about 7 ounces) walnut pieces  
 2 tablespoons soft, fresh bread crumbs  
 1 1/2 tablespoon strong-brewed coffee  
 (or 1 teaspoon espresso powder added to egg yolks)  
 1 1/2 tablespoons dark or light rum

#### COFFEE WHIPPED CREAM

1 1/2 cups heavy cream, well chilled  
 1 1/2 tablespoons instant coffee powder  
 3/4 cup confectioners' sugar (or less to taste)  
 12 walnut halves, for decoration (caramelized if you like)



#### TORTE:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Line three 9" round cake pans with rounds of parchment paper. Butter and flour paper and sides of pans.
2. Beat egg yolks and 3/4 cup sugar with electric mixer at medium-high speed until very fluffy and at least doubled in volume (5-6 minutes). Set aside.
3. Grind nuts with 2 tablespoons sugar in food processor until powdery.
4. Add ground walnuts, bread crumbs, coffee and rum to beaten egg mixture; fold gently.
5. Beat egg whites in a second bowl until just stiff, do not over beat. Fold a large spoonful of whites into egg yolk mixture; gently fold in the remainder. Divide batter among the pans, very gently smooth the tops.
6. Bake for about 24 minutes until cake layers are lightly golden, pull away from the sides of the pans and spring back when pressed with a fingertip.
7. Cool cakes in pans on wire rack for about 10 minutes. Roast walnut halves in the oven until fragrant (about 8 minutes). Carefully invert cakes onto wire rack and let cool completely.

#### COFFEE WHIPPED CREAM:

In a bowl, stir 1/4 cup of the cream with the coffee until smooth and coffee dissolves. Add the remaining cream and the confectioners' sugar and beat with electric mixer until fluffy and peaks form.

Place 1 of the layers on a plate, spread about 2/3 cup of cream evenly over it, repeat with second layer, and another 2/3 cup of cream. Place remaining layer on top, and gently press into place. Frost top and sides and decorate with walnut halves. Chill for at least 1 hour before serving.

## 2018-2019 SCHOLARSHIP DONORS



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 33 recipients who are full-time employees of Northwestern University and who are enrolled in degree or certificate programs in the School of Professional Studies. The following list includes donors who contributed between March 2018 and April 2019.

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The following members of the Common Thread Sewing Group (not affiliated with University Circle) have made contributions to the Circle Scholarship in memory of **Mary Ellen Van Ness**:  
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 Margaret Schatz  
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 Maggie Wilson



## CANDIDATES SLATED FOR ELECTION AT ANNUAL MEETING

The Nominating Committee announces the following slate of candidates for election to two-year terms at the annual meeting of University Circle, to be held at the spring luncheon on Tuesday, May 7.

President: **Pat Ulmer**

Vice-Presidents for Programs: **Jane Dampfs, Jane Dowding, Elisabeth Malthouse, Mary Alayne Schwartz, Sally Sprowl**

Corresponding Secretary: **Sylvia Taflove**

Bert Mount has been appointed to fill the remaining year of Pat Ulmer's term as treasurer.

— Jean Dowding & Margaret Schatz

### Remembering Our Circle Friends



NU Circle was saddened to learn that **Mary Ellen Van Ness** passed away on February 26, 2019. Mary Ellen was active in Circle for over 50 years, serving on the board in various roles, including president. She particularly enjoyed membership in the evening social service group and was a founding member of the Piecemakers quilting group. Mary Ellen was a dear friend to many and will be greatly missed. A memorial service was held on March 30.

With sadness we share the news that **Jean Novales** died on March 18, 2019. Jean was a long-term member of University Circle and had just celebrated her 90th birthday and 65 years of marriage to husband Ron.

## CIRCLE 'GUYS' AND 'DOLLS' GATHER FOR DINNER AND A MUSICAL

Every year Circle members look forward to the potluck dinner/theater event with anticipation. It's a perfect remedy to help get through the cold, gray winter season along Lake Michigan. This year, the event was held on Saturday evening, March 2, and the production was a decidedly contemporary take on "Guys and Dolls," the classic romantic comedy that debuted on Broadway in 1950 and was later made into a movie.

But first, the dinner. Members, spouses and friends met in the welcoming third-floor conference room of the Tribune Communications Center, where the first treat is always the spectacular view of the still-new Ryan Center for the Musical Arts with the lake beyond. Members filled the sideboard with appetizers, wine, salads, vegetable dishes, meat dishes, and a fine selection of desserts. Guests loaded up and settled in to enjoy the food and conversation.

To heighten anticipation of the evening's performance, grad student dramaturg Liz Laurie was invited to provide good background on the musical. Although it was written in the 1940s, "Guys and Dolls" was based on the short stories of Damon Runyon, which were written in the 1920s and 1930s. Laurie's job was to "translate" the language of those times and place for the student actors of today. To do so, she developed a glossary of words used in the play, which she shared with her Circle audience, challenging them to test their knowledge of terms such as "two pairs of pants," "Barbasol," and "tomato." Circle members scored well and, after a quick clean-up, it was off to Barber Theater to enjoy the main attraction.

Thanks go to all the "dolls" and "guys" who made the evening a success, especially Program VPs Jane Dampts, Jane Dowding, and Sally Sprowl.



Margaret Schatz and Jane Dowding welcome guest Candice Dalrymple.



Jane Dampts and Gay Menges visit before dinner (photo courtesy of Pat Ulmer).



Jane Dowding introduces Liz Laurie, who spoke about language in the musical.



Anita Yamada and Bert Mount enjoy a chat before leaving for the performance (photo courtesy of Pat Ulmer).

## QUILTERS PIECE TOGETHER A PRODUCTIVE YEAR



The Piecemakers quilters pieced, backed, bound and tied 20 quilts this year, all to benefit a worthy cause. These quilts will be donated to Lydia Home, a residential treatment program for children and adolescents in Chicago. In addition, the quilters found time to produce quilts for personal use and as gifts for family and friends. Shown here are selections from the many quilts made by members of Piecemakers during the past year, as captured by Tiffany Tuck. For more information about Piecemakers, contact Margaret Schatz at [mesharbor@gmail.com](mailto:mesharbor@gmail.com) or 847-475-2365.



## FESTIVE DINING: A CIRCLE SPECIALTY

Circle members gathered for two Festive Dining events this past year. The dinners, formerly known as Ethnic Dining, have been a long-standing tradition of Circle. Old friendships are renewed and new friendships are made over good food and lively conversation.

Froggy's restaurant was the scene of the first dinner on November 5. Those who trekked up to Highwood were not disappointed, as they enjoyed "the ambiance of the intimate, decades-old bistro with its classic and modern, seasonally inspired French fare." The early-bird dinner included a choice of three entrees, soup or salad and dessert.

The winter season's Festive Dining event took place on Sunday evening, February 10. The location was Avli Restaurant in the old Laundry building in Winnetka. Circle members and

guests enjoyed Greek favorites, including pita with hummus, eggplant, and tzatziki; Greek flatbread; Greek salad with feta and olives; chicken kabobs, moussaka, vegetarian stuffed tomato with rice, pine nuts, and herbs; and for dessert, chochlava and cheesecake.

Jane Dampts reported, "We had a great time and had a private area so we could talk and have a leisurely meal together. It was almost like a mini-vacation in Greece, as all the waiters were Greek, and dinner was served family-style, so we sampled a lot of different specialties. We could hear cheers of *Opa!* throughout the evening, making a cold and snowy wintry night seem warm and cheery."

Many thanks to the Programs Committee, who made all the arrangements for the festive dinners.



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**UPCOMING CIRCLE EVENTS**

**TUESDAY, MAY 7 ~ 12 NOON  
SPRING LUNCHEON & ANNUAL MEETING**

**Norris Center** Room 203

See page 1 for details.



**TUESDAY, MAY 7  
PIECEMAKERS QUILTING GROUP**

Time and location to be announced.

**JUNE 14-16  
BIG TEN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

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