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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A hearty welcome to all the members of Circle as we begin the 2019-2020 school year. First, I want to thank Elisabeth Malthouse for her leadership of the University Circle from 2015-2019. She served graciously as President for two full terms, which was four years! And now, Elisabeth is continuing her involvement as an integral part of the Program Committee.

We have so much to look forward to this year. Our Program Committee met several times during the summer to prepare fantastic fall programs. In early October, Circle members enjoyed a tour of the Halim Time and Glass Museum in downtown Evanston. Everyone was in awe of the extensive collection of clocks and stained glass. I predict many attendees will return with friends and relatives to this cultural gem so accessible to us all.

More recently, we marveled at the talent of the Northwestern Symphony Orchestra and Chorus as they performed Beethoven's Ninth Symphony under the superb direction of Victor Yampolsky. Before the concert, many members delighted in a festive tapas dining experience at Tapas Barcelona in Evanston.

Part of our historical outreach is to help families in Chicago who are part of the Northwestern Settlement community.



Our talented Piecemakers group has pledged to make beautiful lap quilts for Settlement's Golden Agers Group this year. During the holiday season, we also are looking forward to providing gifts for five families with children in that community. These families need our help. Sign up to shop or contribute. Please plan to join the fun of wrapping the presents for the families and the fellowship of a good time together on Tuesday, December 10, at the home of Margaret Schatz, who has kindly offered to host this event again.

This year we should concentrate on expanding our circle. Please think of people you know and admire who love the proximity of Northwestern in their lives and who would enjoy the companionship of our members and sharing new experiences together; invite them to one of our activities and encourage them to become members of NU Circle. We will all be enriched as we reach out to new members.

Many thanks to the Circle board members who do so much work behind the scenes to make our organization hum along. We are fortunate to have so many talented women making things happen!

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Bottom row, L-R: Sally Sprowl, Gay Menges, Pat Ulmer.

Not present: Jane Dowding, Sylvia Taflove, Diane Unger



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

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.

2019 ADOPT-A-FAMILY HOLIDAY PROJECT

HOLIDAY PROJECT SUPPORTS SETTLEMENT FAMILIES

NU Circle's 2019 Adopt-a-Family Holiday Project will again gift five NU Settlement families with Christmas gifts and gift cards.

The online gift signup has been a huge success. Many thanks to everyone who has shopped for the items, requested by family members, and used the gift chart website. It's made organizing the gift giving so much easier.

A listserv e-mail with the link to the online gift chart will be sent in early November. Please sign up early to give the gifts you want.

This year's biggest change will be the Wrapping Dinner Party. Yes, we'll start a little earlier with dinner provided by Circle. After wrapping, we'll be treated to dessert by our own talented baker, Elisabeth Malthouse. (We will not have a cookie exchange.)

Thank you to the many generous Circle members who make working on this project a pleasure.

— Jane Dowding, Margaret Schatz and Pat Ulmer,
Adopt-a-Family Holiday Project chairs



HOLIDAY WRAPPING DINNER PARTY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10
6:00 PM

2426 Central Park Avenue in Evanston
There's plenty of street parking.

Something different this year:

6:00 PM Dinner provided by Circle

7:00 PM Gift wrapping

8:15 PM Dessert and coffee

Come for dinner from Pita Inn provided by Circle or join the group afterwards for gift wrapping.

Dessert will be a special treat from Elisabeth Malthouse.

There will not be a cookie exchange.

RSVP: Margaret Schatz
847-475-2365 or mesharbor@gmail.com

HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

GIFT DONATIONS

Shop for items requested by the Settlement families. A Listserv message with a link to the online gift chart will be e-mailed to Circle members in early November. The gift chart is organized by category to make shopping for related items easier. Please consider buying additional gifts of the same type. You may be reimbursed for these, if you wish, by sending receipts to Pat Ulmer, 2021 Noyes Street, Evanston, IL 60201.

Sign up on the chart or contact Margaret Schatz and let her know what you are willing to purchase (847-475-2365 or mesharbor@gmail.com).

Also, consider shopping online and having gifts sent to

Margaret Schatz, 2426 Central Park Ave., Evanston, IL 60201.

Please sign up for gift purchases by Tuesday, December 3. All gifts should be taken or delivered to the home of Margaret Schatz by Tuesday, December 10.

FINANCIAL DONATIONS

We welcome donations of money to be used for food and other gift cards and to pay for gifts which are not donated. Any money left over is donated to one of Settlement's Funds. Make your check payable to University Circle and mail it to Pat Ulmer, 2021 Noyes Street, Evanston, IL 60201. Note on the check that it is for Settlement Holiday Fund.

NIGHT OUT ON THE TOWN: DINNER AND A CONCERT

— by Diane Unger

Circle members who braved the frightful weather the evening of Saturday, October 26, were treated to an international dinner and concert expertly orchestrated by Circle's Program Committee. The evening began with 16 Circle members, spouses and friends gathering at Tapas Barcelona in downtown Evanston. Although windblown and dripping wet, they quickly recovered with lively conversation along with pitchers of sangria; a salad of spinach, pears, goat cheese, pecans, and citrus balsamic dressing; Tortilla Española; grilled skewers of meat; platters of paella; roasted pears stuffed with white chocolate, mint, and berry sauce; and flan.

Then it was on to Pick-Staiger Concert Hall where the Northwestern Symphony Orchestra presented an all-German program. The first half included the overture to Carl Maria von Weber's opera *Euryanthe*, with graduate assistant conductor Xuedan Du, followed by Karl Amadeus Hartmann's Symphony No. 2, with conductor Victor Yampolsky. After intermission it was the irrepressible Yampolsky conducting Beethoven's grand Symphony No. 9 in D Minor, with four soloists and three choruses



Mel Ulmer, Chuck Dowding, Jane Dowding and Jane Dampfs enjoy the fine conversation and meal at Tapas Barcelona.

led by chorus master Donald Nally. When it concluded, Circle members and the other 900-plus attendees shouted and cheered their approval. The performance was live streamed for those who couldn't get a ticket to the sold-out concert or who chose to watch it from the comfort of their warm, dry easy chairs.

CLOCKS AND GLASS MUSEUM PIECES DAZZLE CIRCLE VISITORS

— by Jane Dampfs



Linda LaBuda, Candice Dalrymple, and Tony Dalrymple take in the exhibit in one of many rooms devoted to clocks at the Time and Glass Museum.

On October 3, Circle members had a memorable tour of the Halim Time and Glass Museum, which is a hidden gem in Evanston. The museum celebrates American stained glass windows and the history of clocks and timepieces in a beautiful modern building designed specifically to highlight the collection.

This is a really impressive museum, featuring Tiffany and other stained glass windows and thousands of historic time pieces,

collected by property investor Cameel Halim, who cultivated a fascination with stained glass following his emigration from Egypt to the United States.

Upon Halim's arrival in the 1960s, he was awed by America's sublime churches, but surprised at their neglect—especially that of their magnificent stained glass windows. So he began acquiring discarded window panes from demolished buildings and amassed an impressive collection of not only 19th- and 20th-century stained glass masterpieces, but also historic clocks and watches. The museum collection is organized in a way that lets you experience the progression of timepiece craftsmanship over the centuries (including pieces from Napoleon and Catherine the Great, to name a few) and experience the variety of stained glass and other items that the Tiffany family created, such as chandeliers, mosaics, oil paintings, and much more. I was really surprised by the breadth and depth of the collection. They do a great job of providing historical context via plaques.

The windows are mostly hung at a level where you could reach out and touch them. Our very knowledgeable docent invited us to touch the stained glass so we could experience the different techniques used to achieve a wide variety of visual effects.

That said, the heart of this collection is the clocks. The oldest

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PIECEMAKERS VISIT LYDIA HOME

On October 25, Piecemakers members Melanie Anderson, Carol Nielsen, Margaret Schatz, and Diane Unger had the pleasure of delivering a trunkload of quilts to the children who live at Lydia Home in Chicago, where children have received care for 103 years.

Made by the 15 members of Piecemakers during the past year, the 40 or so lap-size quilts were intended as gifts for each child, something they could choose and keep for their very own. As luck would have it, the children were home from school that day because of the teachers' strike, so the Piecemakers were able to watch as the boys and girls—aged 6 to 15—eyed the colorful array of quilts and chose their favorite. It was hard to say who was more pleased, the children or the makers.

A bonus was being able to eat lunch with the children and staff, and spend time with Imelda "Mel" Gonzalez, the 25-year veteran residential coordinator who talked about life for these children before, during and after their stays at Lydia Home. It was food for thought as Piecemakers plan for future projects. Carol Nielsen said it best: *"This was such a successful delivery. I am so proud of our group and all we are able to accomplish. It leaves us with a tiny hope for the future of those children."*



An attentive and appreciative group of Circle members enjoying the collection of American stained glass.

clocks here mostly date back to about 1500, though there is a sundial from Egyptian times. The Japanese clocks (beautiful and apparently with 9 hours instead of 12) were fascinating; the French industrial clocks (shaped like trains; steam engines; automobiles) very interesting; and there's a giant collection of paste-encrusted Chinese clocks with automata and one plain automaton (a boy pulling a fish out of a net), in addition to a collection of navigational tools (clock-ish; another stained glass dome); "skeleton" clocks with the works exposed; and the sort of fancy porcelain bisque clocks one might expect.

We finished with a delicious lunch and enjoyed sharing our impressions of this most unusual and interesting museum!

SPRING LUNCHEON INTRODUCES SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

— by Gay Menges

Circle members enjoyed the spring luncheon and annual meeting, which was held on May 7 at Norris Center in a sun-filled room overlooking Lake Michigan. Our scholarship recipients were able to greet many members, and we all were pleased to hear their stories as Gay Menges, chair of the Scholarship Committee, interviewed each of them.



Jean Wilson, Dean Margaret McCarthy and Sally Dobroski gather to honor Circle scholarship recipients.

Our scholarship recipients for 2019 are Emily Kefferstan, Stephen Monteiro, and Lucy Weatherly. Emily works full time in the Office of the Registrar and is working toward an eventual degree in Fine Arts Management. She is active in the lively Chicago theater community. Stephen works in the Political Science Department and is studying data science with a goal of helping non-profit organizations. Lucy works at the Center for Audiology and shares her love of learning with her son who also attends college. Her goal is a degree in Communication Studies. All three have expressed their appreciation for the scholarship and the fact that it helps them continue their studies.

YOUR DONATIONS SUPPORT NU STUDENT EMPLOYEES

Thank you for your generous response to the Scholarship Committee's recent appeal for donations to the Circle Scholarship Fund. If you have not already donated, please know that your donations are vital to continuing this special Circle activity.

Circle scholarship recipients are all Northwestern employees who also are degree students at the School of Professional Studies. Going to school and working full time is challenging for these students, many of whom have families as well. Your gifts are much appreciated and well used. You can give in the name of someone you wish to honor or remember.

Margo Brown, retired Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, was the keynote speaker. Special guests were Margaret McCarthy, Associate Dean of the School of Professional Studies, and Elizabeth Lach, Director of Development, School of Professional Studies.



Scholarship recipients Stephen Monteiro and Emily Kefferstan (second and third from left, respectively) celebrate with Stephen's wife, Kari Lindquist (far left), Jean Wilson (second from right) and Emily's mother, Cassie Eckhof (far right).



Ruth Lucchesi, Jane Dampts and Jan Smith share stories at Circle's annual meeting and luncheon.

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.

- **Give online at wewill.northwestern.edu/giving** and search for and select "NU Circle Scholarship" under designations
- **Give by calling** Northwestern's Annual Giving office at **800-222-5603**
- **Give by mailing a check**, payable to Northwestern University, to: Northwestern University, Alumni Relations and Development, 1201 Davis Street, Evanston, IL 60208

CIRCLE NEWS AND NOTES

UPDATED MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The new Circle Membership Directory 2019-2020 accompanies this issue of the Courier newsletter. Many thanks to Jane Dowding for her work in keeping tabs on all of us, and making sure we have the latest information to keep in touch. Please send updates to Jane at dowdingjane@gmail.com or circle@northwestern.edu.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Don't forget to renew your Circle membership for 2019-2020. Please send your check for \$25 payable to University Circle to Jean Wilson, 644 Arbor Lane, Glenview, IL 60025. Questions? Call Jean at 847-724-9413. Thank you.

ARCHIVIST NEEDED

During the past year, Circle's recording secretary Jean Corvine graciously added archivist to her duties. The Board is most grateful for Jean's willingness to act in both capacities, and thanks her for her dedication to Circle. To find someone to assume the role of archivist, we asked Jean to describe what the position entails:

"The Northwestern University Archives holds all archived papers for the university, including the records of University Circle, which go back many years. I collect Circle documents (e.g., Board meeting minutes, Courier newsletter issues) during the year and, after the annual meeting and luncheon in the spring, I deliver them to the Office of the Archives, located in the basement of Deering Library on the Evanston campus. I have enjoyed this position, since our records contribute to preserving the "Herstory" at Northwestern University. I would be happy to work with the new appointee if she has any questions."

This is a perfect opportunity for members to learn more about Circle, both past and present. No professional experience is needed. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Pat Ulmer at pat.ulmer@gmail.com or Jean Corvine at jeanmzc@aol.com.



Circle members and friends are invited to a holiday season concert presented by the Northwestern University Jazz Orchestra

BRING IN THE HOLIDAY SWINGIN'

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5
7:30 PM

GALVIN RECITAL HALL
70 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston

Bells will be ringing as NU's Jazz Orchestra and Conductor Joe Clark present swinging arrangements of festive classics. Come "Deck the Halls" and enjoy "Chestnuts Roasting" during this "Holly, Jolly" time of year!

Tickets: \$6 general public / \$4 students with valid ID
Reservations: Pat Ulmer by November 25 at pat.ulmer@gmail.com or 847-682-5741

NU CIRCLE GOES TO INDIANA

— by *Debbie Crimmins*

The Big Ten Women's Club Conference was hosted this year by the University Club of Indiana University on June 14-16 in Bloomington.

The theme for the conference was "Blooming Women: Honoring the Past, Envisioning the Future." The conference is held every two years and gives women from Big Ten institutions the chance to exchange ideas and information and make new connections. This year I attended to represent Northwestern University Circle. The setting at the Indiana University Memorial Union was quite beautiful and convenient – we stayed at the hotel in the Union and most of the events were there. Every club gave a presentation on their activities and there were round table conversations and presentations on membership, interest groups, emerging leaders, and scholarships.

One of the high points was lunch at the IU president's house with a talk by the IU First Lady Laurie McRobbie about a project to identify and recognize women for IU's upcoming bicentennial. There were tours, talks (including one about the Kinsey Institute), and a reception at the new engineering building, which has an interesting design and great views. One of the low points was spending an hour or so before dinner in the basement of the union because of a tornado warning! The next conference is at University of Iowa in 2021.

Remembering Our Circle Friends



Long-time University Circle member **Barbara DeCoster** passed away September 17, 2019, in Minneapolis, MN where she had been living for the past few years. She will be remembered for her charm, infectious enthusiasm and sense of humor. Service plans are pending.

Norman Schweikert, husband of Circle member Sally Schweikert, passed away on December 31, 2018. Norman was a long-time horn player for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and also taught horn at Northwestern. We send condolences to Sally and her family.



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Visiting the Halim Time and Glass Museum — see page 4.

UPCOMING CIRCLE EVENTS



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3
DEADLINE TO SIGN UP FOR
HOLIDAY PROJECT GIFT PURCHASES

See page 3 for details.



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5
BRING IN THE HOLIDAY SWINGIN' CONCERT

NU Jazz Orchestra
See page 7 for details.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10
HOLIDAY DINNER WRAPPING PARTY

See page 3 for details.

SAVE THE DATES—DETAILS TO COME

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020
POTLUCK DINNER AND THEATER
"Legally Blonde: The Musical"

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2020
ANNUAL MEETING AND SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON
Norris Center

Watch for news about these events and others sent via email or postal mail. Please visit northwestern.edu/university-circle regularly to stay informed about the latest Circle news, upcoming programs and volunteer opportunities.