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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A sincere **THANK YOU** to our many generous members who have donated to this year's Circle Scholarship Fund. You are an amazing group and your gifts are greatly appreciated.

The 2024 Scholarship Tea will be held on Friday, May 17, at 4 pm in the Northwestern Room at Norris University Center. I hope that many of you can attend to meet our outstanding scholarship winners, catch up with old friends and make new ones.

Many thanks to Scholarship Chairperson Debbie Crimmins and Committee Members Lonnie Dunlap, Jane Dampts and Sally Dobroski who reviewed the scholarship applications and selected the winning candidates, not an easy task. This year four scholarships are being awarded.

The University Circle Tuition Scholarship was established twenty years ago, in September 2004. The original purpose of the Scholarship—to *provide funding for women, employed by the University, who are continuing their education*



through the School of Continuing Studies (now School of Professional Studies) to *further their career opportunities*—remains the same today, although we have had male winners, too. The amount of the scholarship, *originally up to \$1000*, has varied.

Circle member Carolyn Krulee took responsibility for much of the groundwork necessary to launch the scholarship. Over the years, Debbie Crimmins has worked with the staff of the School of Professional Studies as they assumed a larger role in its management.

Vina BonDurant received the first Circle Scholarship in May 2005. She completed her degree and continues to work at NU as Housing Coordinator for Operations and Services. We've been in touch, and I hope to invite her to the Scholarship Tea in 2025 for a 20th anniversary celebration.

I wish everyone happy times over the summer and hope to see you at the tea and the summer picnic.

— Margaret Schatz, President, 2023-2025

University Circle ANNUAL MEETING & SCHOLARSHIP TEA

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Norris University Center, Northwestern Room #160

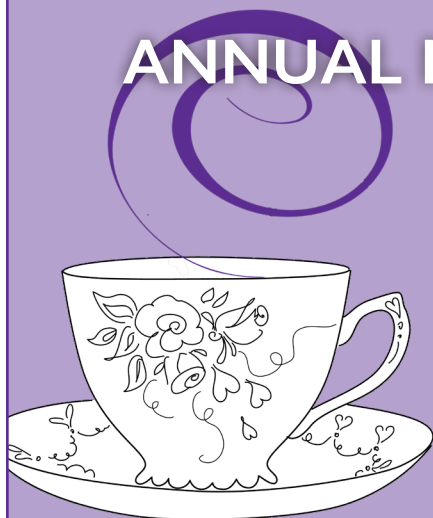
Program: **Election** of officers (see list of candidates on page 3)

Presentation of the 2024 Circle Scholarship

Conversation with the recipients of the Circle Scholarship

Guests are welcome. Parking is free after 4:00 PM. Park in the outside parking structure just south of Norris or in the South Campus parking garage at the Segal Visitors Center. Carpooling is encouraged.

Please RSVP to Jane Dampts by May 8 jkdampts@earthlink.net



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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 Linda LaBuda at 262-348-8205 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 4:15 pm 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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please contact the president.

RECIPIENTS OF THE 2024 UNIVERSITY CIRCLE SCHOLARSHIP

The University Circle Scholarship Committee is pleased to present the recipients of the 2024 University Circle Scholarship. This tuition scholarship is awarded to Northwestern University employees who are pursuing degrees in NU's School of Professional Studies. We congratulate them and look forward to honoring them at the annual meeting and scholarship tea on May 17 at Norris University Center. —Debbie Crimmins, Chair; Jane Dampts, Sally Dobroski and Lonnie Dunlap

MICHELE ORTIZ is an executive assistant in the Office of the General Counsel. She is working on an undergraduate degree in Communications Studies. She will be the first person in her family to earn a degree and had returned to school after a 25-year absence. She and her husband are raising two sons, and she is an active school volunteer.



ANDREA VANDERLAAN is an associate research administrator at the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. She is pursuing a Master of Science degree in Healthcare Administration. With her future degree, she would like to be considered for more leadership opportunities and effect positive change by leveling the playing field for disadvantaged patients. Both her work and education at Northwestern University have enabled her to start a new career after a life-changing accident.



OLIVER STERLING-ANGUS is a research technician in the Department of Neurology at the Feinberg School of Medicine. He is working on specialized studies for post-baccalaureate career advancement to transition from neuroscience into neuroprosthetics and robotics research at the PhD level. His long-term goal is to create novel technologies to serve those of

varying motor abilities. Oliver was the first ever student from DePaul University to graduate with a BFA in acting and a BS in neuroscience. Although unique, he believes his fine arts training has improved his creativity as a scientist. Outside of science, Oliver is passionate for LGBTQ+ rights, and was a leader of an advocacy group for LGBTQ+ youth. He also enjoys 3D-printing, playing guitar, and juggling.



SOPHIE XIAO is a research lab manager in Biomedical Engineering and is a student in the Master of Science in Data Science program. She aspires to translate data into actionable insights, drive innovation, and revolutionize the fight against cancer. Beyond academia, she has raised awareness of both adult and pediatric cancer to support affected families. She has worked as a medical case manager and a medical interpreter proficient in multiple languages, including Cantonese, Mandarin, and English. She is both a first-generation immigrant and the first in her family to attend college.

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.

CANDIDATES SLATED FOR ELECTION MAY 17

The following candidates are slated for election to the Circle executive board at the Annual Meeting and Scholarship Tea on May 17:

Vice-Presidents for Membership: Jane Dowding and Linda LaBuda (2024-2025)

Recording Secretary: Lindy Link (2024-2025)

Treasurer: Jeanne Fitzpatrick (2024-2026)

Sally Dobroski will be joining Elisabeth Malthouse (chair), Sally Sprowl and Kay Hamel on the Program Committee.

CIRCLE SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONORS 2023-2024

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 50 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 2023 through April 2024.

Albert Louis Allred
Mary Paula Baumann
Leigh Bienen
Carol Booth
Deborah Crimmins
Sally Dobroski
Jane Dowding
Lonnie Dunlap

Eliza Earle
Joan Fragen
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Janet Hoffman
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Joy Joyce
Claudia and Raymond Krizek
Carolyn Krulee

Linda LaBuda
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Carol Nielsen
Maria Poeppelmeier
Eleanor Prince
Margaret Schatz

Lynn Snarr
Sylvia Taflove
Pat Ulmer
Judy Ungashick
University Circle
Anita Yamada



Donations were made in **honor** of the following:
Jane Dowding

Donations were made in **memory** of the following:
Bernice Ungashick | Margaret Nelly Wilhelm | Jean C. Wilson



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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GIVE BY MAILING A CHECK, payable to Northwestern University, to
Northwestern University, Alumni Relations and Development, 1201 Davis Street, Evanston, IL 60208

NEWS&NOTES

NEW MEMBER

Circle is pleased to welcome new member **Esterle (Bunni) LaBahn**. We hope to see you next month at the Scholarship Tea, Bunni.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Need to renew your Circle membership for 2023-2024? If you haven't already done so, please make your \$25 check payable to University Circle and mail it to Linda LaBuda, 9225 Harding Avenue, Evanston, IL 60203. Don't remember if you renewed? Contact Linda at labudalinda@gmail.com.

CIRCLE CARES

Do you know a Circle member who has been in the hospital or is recovering from a long illness, or whose husband has been hospitalized? If so, please let our Corresponding Secretary, Jane Dampts, know so that she can send a greeting card. You may contact Jane at jkdampts@earthlink.net or by calling 847-492-2830.

PHOTO CREDITS

Thanks to Margaret Schatz and Pat Ulmer for contributing photos for this issue of the *Courier*.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROJECT CELEBRATED AT HOLIDAY PARTY

– by Pat Ulmer

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

Donations totaling \$3725 were received from 35 members. From that amount, gift cards totaling \$2821 were given to members of five families. The remaining \$903 was donated to Settlement for their emergency fund. At our annual holiday party celebrated at Curt's Café, members also generously contributed many unwrapped gifts for the Settlement toy room, where parents who were not sponsored by the Adopt-a-Family program could "shop" for their children for the holidays.

A highlight this year was a gift of a beautiful quilt created by our Piecemakers group for each family to treasure. In addition, each child received a new book, purchased with funds from Circle's budget.

Thank you so much to those listed below for making these gifts possible. Thanks also to the Adopt-a-Family Project Committee: Margaret Schatz, Jeanne Fitzpatrick, Linda LaBuda, Sally Sprowl, and Pat Ulmer.

Mary Paula Baumann
Carol Booth
Margareta Brown
Debbie Crimmins
Jane Dampts
Jane Dowding
Sally Dumas
Eliza Earle
Jeanne Fitzpatrick

Wynn Graham
Kay Hamel
Maureen Hanrahan
Nita Hemke
Janet Hoffman
Judy Holman
Lonna Horwitz
Jane Kenamore
Claudia Krizek

Carolyn Krulee
Linda LaBuda
Mary Ellen Lydon
Lindy Lynk
Elisabeth Malthouse
Bertha Mount
Charlotte Newman
Carol Nielsen
Maria Poeppelmeier

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Margaret Schatz
Lynn Snarr
Sally Sprowl
Sylvia Taflove
Pat Ulmer
Judith Ungashick
Diane Unger



Debbie Crimmins and Margaret Schatz celebrate the season at the Circle Holiday Party at Curt's Cafe in Evanston.



Left to right, Jeanne Fitzpatrick, Kay Hamel, Jane Dowding and Linda LaBuda at the Circle Holiday Party.



Left to right, Maureen Hanrahan, Mary Ellen Lydon, Debbie Crimmins and Pat Ulmer at the Circle Holiday Party.

KEEPING CIRCLE MEMBERS ENGAGED AND ENTERTAINED

– by Sally Sprowl, Elisabeth Malthouse and Kay Hamel

The first part of 2024 saw a number of events planned for Circle members, thanks to the efforts of the Programs Committee and University Guild.

TAPAS BARCELONA AND DOLPHIN SHOW “KINKY BOOTS”

On a cold, wintery night in late January, Circle members and their guests enjoyed the warmth of a fun and festive evening. We started off with a wonderful tapas dinner in downtown Evanston at Tapas Barcelona restaurant. Elisabeth Malthouse had pre-ordered platters of a wide variety of delicious tapas dishes—and those platters just kept coming. After dinner, we adjourned to Scott Hall to see the student production of “Kinky Boots” in Cahn Auditorium. What a production it was! Broadway couldn’t have been better; the level of talent at Northwestern is amazing. The music, the dancing, the boots—lots of glitter and glamour, but the play has an important message, too—one of acceptance and appreciation of differences.

GUILD PROGRAM

A University Guild’s tradition is to invite members of University Circle to one of their programs as guests. This year, Circle members were invited to hear Rachel Cole, curator and head of Northwestern’s Transportation Library, on February 5. The program topic was “NU’s Menu Collection – Wonderful Examples of Graphic Design.” Rachel provided an overview on all the library provides. For example, digitized items include regional transportation materials, ephemera, and photographs. Also, there are rare archival materials including letters, maps, pamphlets, and annual reports from all areas of transportation. She also provided examples of menus from the collection, showcasing the graphic design of its

time. Afterwards, Rachel graciously extended an invitation for a tour of the library.

POTLUCK DINNER AND MUSICAL “WORKING”

In mid-February, about 20 Circle members, their spouses and friends gathered for the annual Potluck and Show in a meeting room of the McCormick Tribune Center with a magnificent view of Lake Michigan. Everyone enjoyed the various delicious appetizers, main dishes and salads and also the selection of scrumptious desserts. It was a perfect time to catch up with each other, and there were many lively conversations before and during dinner.



Debbie Crimmins and Jeanne Fitzpatrick at the Potluck Dinner.



Margaret Schatz and Wynn Graham at the Potluck Dinner.

Afterwards, many attended “Working: A Musical” in the Josephine Louis Theater. The musical is based on a book by Chicago-based author Studs Terkel and highlights the working life and conditions of a variety of people. The live performance was interspersed with video-taped interviews of workers in different fields. It was a very moving and thought-provoking performance.

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Left to right, Jeanne Fitzpatrick, Joy Joyce and Kay Hamel at the Potluck Dinner.



Judy Holman (right) with friend Helen Bratsolias (left) catch up at the Potluck Dinner.

HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

A dozen or so Circle members met at the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center in Skokie on a rainy March 8 to view the exhibit "'I'll Have What She's Having': The Jewish Deli." Expanding on that famous line from the film "When Harry Met Sally," the exhibit told the story of Jewish delis in America, using photos, artifacts and displays that evoked fond memories for those in the group. Patronizing delis such as Manny's in Chicago and Kaufman's in Skokie became a tradition in many families, with adults who remembered dining at them as children and then passing on the tradition to their own children. Circle members enjoyed talking about the many foods that are synonymous with these dining institutions, and decided that lunch at a local deli might be a good event to put on Circle's calendar for next fall.

TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM TOUR

On April 11, twelve Circle members took up Rachel Cole's invitation to tour NU's Transportation Library, where we learned about the history of the library and how the collection has grown and continues to grow. Containing

over 500,000 items, the Transportation Library's scope encompasses all modes of transportation including aviation, railroads, highway, maritime transportation, public transport, bicycle and pedestrian transportation, and logistics. As expected, engineering students seek out the library, but also students in the sciences, humanities and more. Of particular significance, it has one of the most complete collections of Environmental Impact Statements in the world.

Photo: Rachel Cole (center) tells the story of NU's Transportation Library to Circle members, including Nita Hemke (left) and Pat Ulmer (right).



NU PIECEMAKERS DONATE QUILTS TO SARAH'S CIRCLE

— by Carol Nielsen

To support the new residents of the efficiency apartments at Sarah's Circle in Chicago, Piecemakers worked diligently all year and completed 35 more quilts. They were delivered in December 2023.

In 2020, when we were not able to quilt at people's homes, many quilters from two or three groups made quilts and donated them to the NU Circle Piecemakers group. In December 2021 we delivered over 50 quilts to Sarah's Circle. At that time Sarah's Circle was just completing the first new apartment building to house over 35 women. Here we are four years later and through the generosity and dedication of many people, Sarah's Circle is completing its third apartment building.

You may be wondering why we chose Sarah's Circle again as the recipient of our quilting work. Sarah's Circle, located in Uptown, is dedicated to ending homelessness for women in Chicago. They provide a trauma-informed approach. They support four programs including a Rapid Rehousing program, Daytime Support Center, an Interim Housing Program and a Permanent Supportive Housing



Program. Currently, Sarah's Circle has 113 units available in Permanent Housing. These apartments allow women a safe, private place to manage their lives, receive supportive services, and be off the streets. Read more about Sarah's Circle at sarahs-circle.org.

Photo: Sarah's Circle staff member holds one of many quilts donated by Piecemakers, as seen in bags behind her.

Remembering Our Circle Friends

NU Circle has learned of the deaths of two of our beloved, long-standing members. We extend our condolences to their families.

Edith (Edie) Eisner passed away on October 1, 2023. Edie was very involved in the Block Gallery where she gave NU Circle members some wonderful tours of various exhibits. Here is a link to her obituary: tinyurl.com/3fyejpv7

Dorothy Sissors died on February 28, 2024. She was president of NU Circle many years ago, and was involved in many ways since then, especially as a knitter in the evening Circle group. Here is a link to her obituary: tinyurl.com/yxwd3c2y



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NU PIECEMAKERS LEND A SEWING HAND

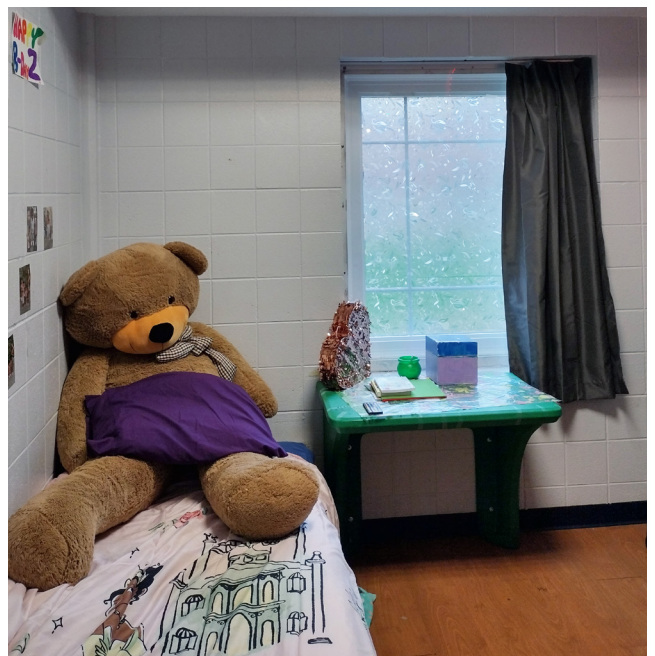
– by Margaret Schatz

Over the years, NU Circle Piecemakers have donated many lap quilts to children living at the Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Children's Center in Evanston. Consequently, Programs Manager Heidi Flasch knew that members of the group could sew, a skill not commonly found these days.

Now a part of LYDIA Home's Residential Treatment Program, the former Rice Center provides a structured, therapeutic environment for children and adolescents with serious behavioral issues, many of whom have been traumatized by abuse or neglect. LYDIA Home has been serving children in Chicago since its founding in 1916.

When LYDIA Home decided to refurbish vacant third-floor rooms for incoming residents, new curtains were needed. That's when Heidi reached out to Piecemakers. The group didn't have to make the curtain panels, but each purchased panel needed Velcro strips sewn across the top which would attach to Velcro tabs mounted on a curtain track.

Maria Poeppelmeier, Carol Nielsen and Margaret Schatz worked with Heidi on the project design. Barb Cushing, Lonna Horwitz, Lonnie Dunlap, along with Maria, Carol and Margaret did the sewing. Many thanks for your service.



A resident's room at Lydia Home made more welcoming with curtain modified by Circle Piecemakers sewists.