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NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY CIRCLE

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 2017-2018 year of the Northwestern University Circle! Activities for this year have already started and there are more on the calendar.

On a glorious fall day in October, a large group of Circle members visited the stunning new Kellogg Global Hub building. Dan McCrudden, Director of Facilities at Kellogg, was an expert tour guide and we learned a lot of fascinating facts about this latest addition to the Evanston campus.

There will be several occasions throughout the year when you will be able to join other Circle members for good food and conversation at selected area restaurants. The first dinner outing is planned for November 10 at the restaurant Gusto in Wilmette.

November is of course also the time for the annual Northwestern Settlement Adopt-a-Family project. I hope many of you will participate in this worthwhile project. Sign up for gift shopping and mark your calendars for the wrapping party on December 12!

Looking back to May, the spring luncheon took place at Gusto, and Circle scholarships were awarded to the three winners—Elizabeth Christian, Katie Scovic, and Alison Wilder. Thank you to everyone for their generous donations to make these scholarships possible!

In June, Jean Corvine, the recording secretary, and I attended the 17th Biennial Conference of Big Ten Women's Organizations hosted by the University Women's Club at the University of Minnesota. The theme for the conference was Empowering Today's Women. Jean and I enjoyed the speeches and tours of the art museum, sculpture garden, and the president's home but especially appreciated the discussions with the delegates from other universities. Declining membership poses a problem for most of the groups. Word-of-mouth seems to be the best way to attract new members. So tell others about the University Circle and invite them along to one of the Circle events. Friends of members are always welcome.

Before I close, I would like to welcome two new board members, Sylvia Taflove, our new corresponding secretary, and Sally Sprowl, who joined the program committee. I would like to thank Pat Mathis for her service as corresponding secretary for the past years and I would also like to thank all other board members and committee chairs for all their service for the Circle.

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University Circle's executive board for 2017-2018: L to R (rear) Sally Sprowl, Jean Wilson, Debbie Crimmins, Jane Dampts, Elisabeth Malthouse, Gay Menges, Margaret Schatz, Jean Corvine; (front) Jane Dowding, Pat Ulmer; not pictured: Mary Alayne Schwartz, Sylvia Taflove, Diane Unger, Sally Dobroski, Eleanor Prince



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.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROJECT SEEKS DONATIONS

—by Margaret Schatz

This holiday season marks University Circle's 28th year of helping Northwestern Settlement families through the Adopt-a-Family Holiday Project. We will be purchasing gifts and gift cards for five families, selected by Settlement staff. The personal descriptions of these families will be included in a letter mailed to Circle members the week of November 6th.

You can choose either to purchase and donate gifts or to make cash donations. As always, your help and generosity are greatly appreciated.

GIFT DONATIONS

We ask that you go online to view the gift chart (web address will be provided in the letter), where you can then sign up to purchase gifts. This year 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 turning in receipts to Pat Ulmer.

You may also contact **Carol Nielsen** (carolsnielsen2100@gmail.com or 847-869-1177) and let her know what you are willing to purchase.

If you shop online, you may have gifts sent directly to **Margaret Schatz**, 2426 Central Park Ave., Evanston, IL 60201.

An e-mail reminder containing the link to the gift chart will be sent weekly through November. **Please sign up for gift purchases by Friday, December 1.**

The gifts will be wrapped on December 12 (see invitation below) before being delivered to Settlement families.

FINANCIAL DONATIONS

We welcome donations of money. Send your check made payable to *University Circle* to **Pat Ulmer**, 2021 Noyes Street, Evanston, IL 60201. Note on the check that it is for Settlement Holiday Fund.



You are invited to Circle's...

HOLIDAY WRAPPING PARTY

DECEMBER 12 AT 7 PM

Please join us for an evening of wrapping gifts for Northwestern Settlement families. We will meet at 7 PM on Tuesday, December 12, at the home of Margaret Schatz, 2426 Central Park Avenue, Evanston. Please let Margaret know if you will attend (847-475-2365 or mesharbor@gmail.com). Feel free to bring cookies if you would like to help with refreshments. Help with the gift wrapping and enjoy the company of Circle friends at the same time!

—Jane Dowding, Carol Nielsen, Margaret Schatz & Pat Ulmer

SHARE YOUR TABLE FOR THANKSGIVING

Bring the world to your Thanksgiving table... "Share Your Table for Thanksgiving" with Northwestern's International students, scholars, and/or their families!

The International Office seeks friendly hosts in the Evanston/Chicago area for their ninth annual "Share Your Table for Thanksgiving" program! They will be matching local Evanston and Chicago community members with Northwestern's International community members who are interested in experiencing an American Thanksgiving dinner.

The International Office will coordinate the matching process between hosts and interested students, scholars or families – all necessary contact information will be shared with both hosts and students so you can make arrangements. Looking to learn more about this program? Check out their new website at tinyurl.com/yady3ybw with photos from 2014-2016 student and host experiences, and testimonials from previous hosts and their international community.

INTERESTED? Please complete the online form at:
tinyurl.com/ThanksgivingHost2017

QUESTIONS? Please contact Stephanie Cisneros at:
Stephanie.cisneros@northwestern.edu or **847-467-4025**

ETOPiA presents FILM & CONCERT EVENINGS

For ten seasons, McCormick School of Engineering has sponsored the Engineering Transdisciplinary Outreach Project in the Arts, better known as ETOPIA. A favorite of Circle members, ETOPIA has presented film screenings, concerts and plays that, according to the project's website, "[seek] to inspire cross-disciplinary dialogue about the roles of science and technology in society."

This year, the project features two film screenings and a concert, spread over three weekends in November. The first film was scheduled to be shown on November 3 and 4, before publication of this issue of the Courier. The remaining events are as follows:

"SCIENCE ON SCREEN: FOR ALL MANKIND"

This film documents NASA's nine Apollo space missions
Friday, November 10* & Saturday, November 11 at 7:30 PM
Technological Institute, room LR2, Evanston

"COSMOS IN CONCERT: CELESTIAL SUITE"

A multimedia show with music composed by James Stephenson and astronomy visuals by Kyle Kremer. The full concert includes Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man" & Dvorak's "Song to the Moon."

Saturday, November 18 at 7:30 PM
Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, Evanston

Discussions with faculty members are held after each event.

ETOPiA events are free and open to the public. Reservations, which are strongly encouraged, may be made by calling 847-324-3294 or online at tinyurl.com/yamjaw28.

* **There's more!** Dinner at popular Gusto of Wilmette restaurant before the November 10th film screening. Please see accompanying article for details!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



TIME TO RENEW! It's not too late to renew your membership to University Circle. 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.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY We're happy to announce that the 2017-2018 edition of University Circle's Membership Directory has been mailed to all members. If you didn't receive your copy, please contact **Jane Dowding** (847-446-0302) and she'll see that you get one. Many thanks to Jane for her time and effort in updating the directory!

CONGRATULATIONS TO CIRCLE OFFICERS elected to serve two-year terms at the annual meeting on May 17: **Elisabeth Malthouse**, *president*; **Jane Dampts**, **Jane Dowding**, **Mary Alayne Schwartz** and **Sally Sprowl**, *vice-presidents for programs*; and **Sylvia Taflove**, *corresponding secretary*. **Eleanor Prince** has been appointed *archivist*.

Don't forget NU Circle's FALL DINING EVENT

Friday, November 10 at 5:30 PM

Gusto of Wilmette

1146 Wilmette Ave in Wilmette - Valet Parking Available



We will kick off our year of ethnic dining at an old favorite, Gusto of Wilmette. A recent Yelp Review praises our local favorite: "This is my favorite Italian restaurant in Chicago. I actually drive from the city to Wilmette for this food because it is so delicious!!!"

Please come prepared to talk about your own favorite ethnic restaurant, both nearby and farther afield, as we plan together for a year of good fellowship and adventurous ethnic dining.

Gusto's has planned a delicious three-course dinner, with choice of three entrees, including appetizers, soup or salad, beverage, and dessert for \$35 (cash only)

including tax and tip. Alcoholic beverages may be purchased separately.

Please note 5:30 PM dinner time, making it possible to attend the 7:30 PM screening of the film "For All Mankind" at the Technological Institute (see accompanying article about ETOPIA). Reservations for the film screening should be made by calling 847-324-3294.

Reservations for this dinner have ended, but watch for notices about other Circle ethnic dining events in the future. If you have a favorite ethnic restaurant that you think Circle members would enjoy, please send your suggestion to circle@northwestern.edu.

—Jane Dampts, Jane Dowding,
Mary Alayne Schwartz, Sally Sprowl



Children at Rice Center proudly display quilts they have chosen.

CCIS: ENGAGING WITH NU'S INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

—by Joan Fragen

Last year, 2016-2017, Northwestern University was home to 4,116 international students, 1,534 international scholars and 943 dependents. Many of them are quite comfortable totally on their own, but many others appreciate the support and friendship of the CCIS (Community Council for International Students) community.

Already this year, CCIS has placed more than 50 international men and women with volunteer Conversation Partners and 20 are still on the waiting list for more volunteers. Those who volunteer in this program love getting to know their students and scholars through weekly one-hour visits and conversation that help the students/scholars improve their English speaking skills through conversation and cultural exchange. **Doris Liberman** (adlibs4612@gmail.com or 847-676-2932) would welcome new volunteers.

Some students are happy just to have occasional visits and contact with a local American family who will act as friends or family away from home. These volunteers may arrange to meet for lunch or dinner, holiday visits or outings to nearby venues. To volunteer for

this International Friends program contact **Mary Lucas** (847-328-7936 or mlucasgarden@gmail.com).

Anyone able to house a newly arriving student for just a week or five days until their own apartment is available can make the offer to Homestay chair, **Betty Phillips** (bettybphillips@gmail.com or 847-256-0245).

Additionally, **Jeanne Reed** (reedupuis@comcast.net or 847-251-7973) offers monthly American Cooking Classes for small groups of international spouses. **Maureen Sheehy** (847-730-5190 or sheehy5@gmail.com) meets monthly with International Spouses to explore the area and enjoy being together. There are also two International Conversation Classes for Spouses, one with children welcome and one for adults only.

And lastly, the CCIS Board always welcomes new members to help with program planning and the fall reception and spring picnic provided for the students. CCIS president **Sylvia Alvino** (847-328-7516) or sylalvino@yahoo.com) would be pleased to hear from anyone interested.

PIECEMAKERS DONATES 36 QUILTS TO RICE CENTER YOUTH

—by Carol Nielsen

The Piecemakers Quilting Group has been making quilts for many organizations over the years. This year, in October we were able to deliver 36 quilts to the Rice Center (Children's Home and Aid), located on Ridge Avenue in Evanston. This therapeutic residence serves children who have severe mental health and behavior challenges. Some of the children have been in the foster care system and others are referred through various agencies throughout the state. Presently the children served are between the ages of 8 and 12, and they attend school at the Rice Center through Evanston-Skokie School District 65. Some children are stable enough to go to the local elementary or middle school.

Last year members of Piecemakers donated fabric from their quilting stashes and the group made up "fun packs"—sets of fabric that would make colorful, kid-friendly quilts. From sharing our fabric to making the quilts, this has been a group effort. The group was pleased to attend the October assembly at the Rice Center and see the children pick out their special quilt. The children were clearly pleased and several immediately wrapped the quilts around them.

Sound interesting? It is, and lots of fun too. New members are always welcome. Piecemakers meets on the first Tuesday of the month, from September to June, at members' homes. For more information, contact **Lonnie Dunlap** (847-733-0218) or **Margaret Schatz** (847-475-2365).



Piecemakers quilters include (l to r) Barbara Cushing, Margaret Schatz, Debbie Crimmins, Lonnie Dunlap, Carol Nielsen, Tiffany Tuck.



Boys choose their quilts, while Carol Nielsen looks on.

SPRING LUNCHEON HONORS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

—by Gay Menges

Members and friends gathered on May 17 at Gusto of Wilmette restaurant for what is always a festive occasion: the annual spring luncheon and scholarship presentation. After election of officers for 2017-2018, it was time to honor the three scholarship winners who are employees of the university and who are enrolled in the School of Professional Studies. These women shared their stories as they answered questions from Gay Menges, chair of the scholarship committee.

ELIZABETH CHRISTIAN Elizabeth is a research coordinator at the Center for Global Health at the Feinberg School of Medicine. She is working toward a Master's Degree in Public Policy and Administration. She is especially interested in international natural disaster response implementation and the lessons learned from it. Elizabeth shared her experiences working as an intern for the Department of State and how those experiences impacted her interest in public policy. She also has been busy as the first student board president of the MPPA group as she works toward bringing in guest speakers, facilitating a Public Policy Case Competition, and providing career advice and support for students.

KATIE SCOVIC Katie is a communications coordinator at the Institute for Policy Research as she also works toward her master's degree in public policy and administration. Her goal is a career in youth advocacy. In addition to volunteering for The Night Ministry, a Chicago-based nonprofit that provides services to Chicagoans struggling with poverty and homelessness, Katie also plays on a basketball team and is interested in athletics as a social service for kids in need. Katie writes, "Receiving this scholarship means that I will spend less time worrying about financing my graduate studies and more time focusing on service, scholarship, and social activities—everything at the heart of the University Circle mission."

ALISON WILDER Alison is a program assistant at Executive Education Operations, The Kellogg School of Management. While she works to support more than 14 people at the Kellogg School, she is also pursuing her bachelor's degree in communication studies. In the future, she hopes to achieve a master's degree in higher education administration. Alison is an enthusiastic employee of Kellogg and is proud to come from a long line of Northwestern graduates starting with her great grandfather. She says, "The scholarship funds will help me obtain my bachelor's degree, something I have been working hard to finish for years while working full time. Having the NU Circle believe in me and my future inspires me to dedicate myself fully in all aspects of my life, even outside of academics."

Thanks to your donations, Circle's commitment to providing opportunities for Northwestern women continues. If you have not already done so, please consider making a gift to the 2018 Circle Scholarship Fund by sending a check payable to Circle Scholarship Fund to Northwestern University Office of the Provost, 633 Clark Street, Room 2-154, Evanston, IL 60208. Thank you!



Gay Menges addresses scholarship winners (l to r) Alison Wilder, Katie Scovic and Elizabeth Christian, while Jane Dampts looks on.



Circle members, scholarship winners and guests enjoy the meal.



Gay Menges speaks to Gusto chef Rohelio Sanchez who told of coming to the U.S. illegally at age 14. With the help of various people, including a restaurant owner, he got his Green Card and training. He is now a full-fledged chef and a real success story.

KELLOGG GLOBAL HUB BUILDING ELICITS WOW'S!



Collaboration Plaza, the central meeting place at Kellogg Global Hub.



Curved glass facade mimics nearby Lake Michigan waves.

On October 13, two dozen Circle members gathered for a tour of an exciting new building on the Evanston campus: Kellogg School of Management's Global Hub. Designed by Toronto-based architectural firm KPMB Architects and opened for classes last spring, this visually exciting and environmentally friendly 415,000-square-foot building is home to both Kellogg and the economics department in the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences. Dan McCrudden, director of facilities at Kellogg, led the group in exploring the many unique spaces meant to "[support] new forms of learning and community building through a combination of the physical and virtual." Following the tour, Circle members lunched in The Marketplace, the building's cafeteria, where they enjoyed global cuisine and stunning lake views. Thanks to the Programs Committee for organizing this event.



Circle members discuss the tour over lunch in The Marketplace.



Sunlight streams down on Circle members as they tour the Global Hub.



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Remembering Our Circle Family

We note with sadness the passing of four members of the University Circle family. Our condolences go to their families and friends.



Nancy Allred passed away on July 9, 2017. Nancy was an active member of Circle for over 50 years, and served on its board in many capacities, including president. She was a fixture in the Evanston and Northwestern community for many years. Her husband Louis, who survives her, is professor emeritus of chemistry.

Carol Rahimi passed away on July 17, 2017. In addition to being a long-standing member of Circle, Carol was active on the Women's Board of Northwestern and the Evanston Women's Board of Northwestern Settlement. She is survived by her husband Mort, emeritus professor of electrical engineering and computer science.

Isshi Yamada, professor emeritus in the Department of Religious Studies, died on August 14, 2017. He is survived by his wife, Anita Yamada, who has been a long-time Circle member and who has been very involved with the International Women.

Bob Gemmell, professor emeritus of civil and environmental engineering, died on September 17, 2017. Bob was an expert on water resources and a pioneer for environmentalism. His wife, long-time Circle member Janet Gemmell, survives him.

UPCOMING CIRCLE EVENTS



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Fall Dinner *(see page 4)*

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ETOPiA Film Screening *(see page 4)*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Executive Board Meeting

Fisk Hall, room 306

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Holiday Wrapping Party *(see page 3)*

2018 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

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