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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring is here and I hope that like me you are enjoying the warmer days, the colorful spring flowers, and blooming trees. As the Circle program year is coming to an end, I would like to take a brief look back at its winter events.

In December, the annual Gift Wrapping Party and Cookie Exchange took place at the lovely home of Margaret Schatz. Many members contributed by donating money, buying, wrapping, and/or delivering gifts for a few families of Northwestern Settlement. Evening Social Service members knitted many pretty scarves and mittens for the children throughout the year, and the Piecemakers quilting group donated a quilt to each family. I would like to thank everyone involved for all their contributions.



time Northwestern University employees enrolled in the School of Professional Studies. I hope many of you will be able to join us at this luncheon. Information on how to reserve your seat can be found on the back cover.

Lastly, I would like to extend my thanks to all the Executive Board members and Interest Group chairs for all your service and support. Your work is very much appreciated.

I wish everyone a good summer and hope to see many of you at Circle events in the upcoming year.

Elisabeth Malthouse

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At the end of January, a group of about 20 Circle members and friends gathered for the annual Circle winter potluck dinner and performance. As usual, it was an evening of plenty of tasty food, pleasant company, and a fascinating talk by NU Symphony Orchestra conductor Victor Yampolsky. After dinner, members enjoyed an outstanding concert by the orchestra under his direction at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall.

An Ethnic Dining outing at the end of February took a small group of Circle members to Sabri Nihari, a Pakistani restaurant in Chicago's West Ridge neighborhood, for an evening of delicious food.

Looking forward, the Circle's annual Spring Luncheon will take place on May 17 at the Italian restaurant Gusto of Wilmette. The program will include a talk by restaurant co-owner Duska and also presentation of this year's Circle Scholarship to the winners. It is always very inspiring to meet the winners and hear their stories. I would like to thank everyone who has donated to the Circle Scholarship Fund. It has been an important part of the Circle for over ten years and provides scholarships toward tuition for full-



UPCOMING CIRCLE EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17~11:45 AM

Spring luncheon and annual meeting at
Gusto of Wilmette

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

Social Service meeting

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

Piecemakers quilting group potluck dinner

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

Executive board planning meeting
and potluck dinner

JUNE 16-18

Conference of Big Ten Women's Organizations,
University of Minnesota in Minneapolis



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, at Parkes Hall, second floor, Room 204. 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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2017 CIRCLE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ARE OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

The Scholarship Committee is happy to announce the recipients of a 2017 Circle Scholarship: Elizabeth Christian, Katie Scovic and Alison Wilder. As required by the scholarship guidelines, all recipients are employees of Northwestern University and students in NU's School of Professional Studies. Each will receive \$1,800 to help cover the cost of tuition for their studies. We look forward to honoring them at the Circle spring luncheon on May 17.

—Gay Menges, chair; Jane Dampts, Sally Dobroski and Joan Fragen



ELIZABETH CHRISTIAN is a research coordinator at the Center for Global Health at NU's Feinberg School of Medicine. She is particularly interested in international disaster response. As an intern for the Department of State she became inspired by how individuals are able to reach beyond cultures to understand and learn from each

other. Grants at the Center for Global Health are set in low-income settings in sub-Saharan Africa and require creative problem solving to meet federal regulations and reporting requirements.

Elizabeth is pursuing a master's degree in public policy and administration (MPPA) with a goal of working in the field of public policy. She is the first student board president for the MPPA student group and is a member of Northwestern University Research Administration Professionals (NURAP).

KATIE SCOVIC hopes to use her master's degree in public policy and administration toward a career in youth advocacy. She says, "I have come to believe in change that comes when passionate people organize around a common cause." She currently works full-time as communications coordinator at the Institute for Policy Research. She hopes her interest in and passion for policy and policy research will lead to work for a non-profit organization that addresses youth-oriented policy issues, especially education and criminal justice.



Katie has volunteered on political campaigns and is currently involved at The Night Ministry, a Chicago-based non-profit that provides services to Chicagoans struggling with poverty and homelessness. She is especially interested in athletics as a social service for kids in need.

ALISON WILDER is program assistant at Kellogg School of Management Executive Education where she supports over 14 people "thoughtfully and intellectually," according to her manager. Alison is working toward a bachelor's degree in communication studies. Her education has been often interrupted by family cares, but she is now able to rededicate herself to her studies. Her teacher notes that "She is a caring person who builds community within the classroom and is one of my favorite students." Her goal is to move higher in her organization. Outside of work, she volunteers for several Northwestern professional organizations as well as Hunger Resource Network and the Music Institute of Chicago.



Alison's future goal is a master's degree in higher education administration in order to increase her leadership skills, to better understand the complexities of higher education, and to insure her place in the Northwestern community.



The Scholarship Committee wishes to thank Margaret McCarthy, associate dean of the School of Professional Studies, and her staff who publicize the Circle Scholarship and receive, organize and review the applications.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Circle Scholarship Fund, making it possible to make these awards. The names of donors are listed on page 4. If you missed out, it's not too late. Please consider a donation in any amount, which will be used to help fund future scholarships. Make checks payable to University Circle Tuition Scholarship Fund and send them to:

University Circle Scholarship Fund
Office of the Provost
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CIRCLE SCHOLARSHIP DONORS GIVE THE GIFT OF EDUCATION

University Circle gratefully acknowledges those individuals and groups who have contributed to the Tuition Scholarship Fund. Since the scholarship's inception in 2004, these scholarships have provided tuition funds for 27 people who are full-time employees at Northwestern and who are enrolled in degree or certificate programs in the School of Professional Studies. The list below includes donors from 2015 through February 2017.

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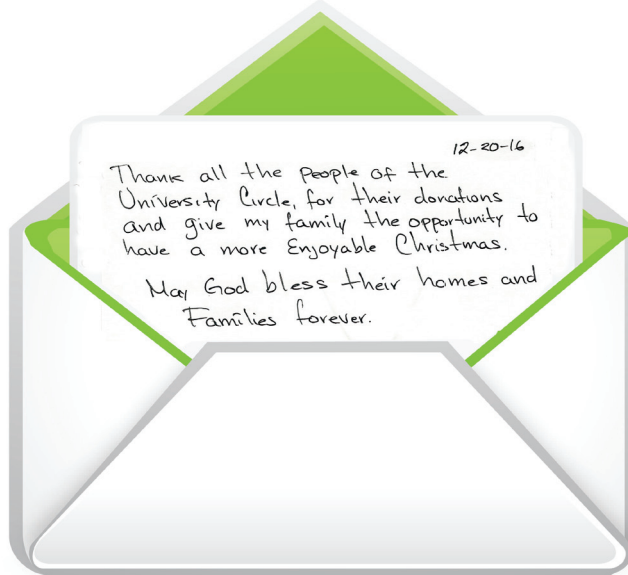
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Thank you to the contributors listed here —over half the membership of Circle—who donated gifts or money to the 2016 Holiday Adopt-a-Family Project. This generosity provided each of five Northwestern Settlement families with Christmas gifts, a \$200 gift certificate for food and a \$50 gift certificate for cleaning supplies and toiletries. In January, \$500 of the remaining funds was donated to the Settlement Emergency Utility Fund and \$500 for gift cards for Settlement seniors to use for prescription medications. **Special thanks to the organizing committee: Sally Dobroski, Jane Dowding, Carol Nielsen, Margaret Schatz, Pat Ulmer and Jean Wilson.**

Remembering Circle Friends

We note with sadness the passing of four members of the Circle family.

Pat Gulliver was a long-time Circle member. Pat lived in Glenview and passed away on February 8, 2017. She is survived by her husband Victor.



Gilbert Krulee was professor emeritus of electrical engineering and computer science at Northwestern and spouse of long-time Circle member Carolyn Krulee, who survives him. Gil passed away on January 18, 2017.

Thomas Prince, professor in Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management for 46 years before his retirement in 2008, passed away on December 25, 2016. His spouse and valued Circle member Eleanor Prince survives him.

Ed Rossow was a retired professor of civil engineering at Northwestern and spouse of former Circle member Barbara Rossow, who survives him. He died on February 5, 2017. There will be a memorial service at 10:00 AM on Saturday, May 13, at Alice Millar Chapel in Evanston.



OFFICERS SLATED FOR ELECTION AT ANNUAL MEETING

The University Circle Nominating Committee announces the proposed slate of officers for election at the annual meeting, to be held at the spring luncheon on Wednesday, May 17.

President: Elisabeth Malthouse

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

Corresponding Secretary: Sylvia Taflove

Archivist: Eleanor Prince

Elected officers serve as members of the Executive Board for a term of two years.

—Jane Dowding, *chair*, Jean Corvine & Pat Ulmer



Circle diners share a meal at Sabri Nihari.

ETHNIC DINING AT SABRI NIHARI RESTAURANT

—by Elisabeth Malthouse

In late February, a group of Circle members gathered for a delightful Sunday dinner at Sabri Nihari, a Pakistani restaurant in Chicago's West Ridge neighborhood. Sabri Nihari specializes in traditional and authentic Pakistani food and it received a Michelin Bib Gourmand Award in 2016.

The group enjoyed a selection of delicious dishes that were all served family-style. They started out with vegetable and beef samosas served with two special house sauces. This was followed by several main dishes including the restaurant's namesake dish Sabri Nihari, a tasty spiced beef stew. Mixed grill platters offered an assortment of marinated and grilled chicken pieces and grilled minced beef and were accompanied by aloo palak, a spicy dish of spinach and potatoes, vegetable rice biryani and plain rice as well as nan and chapati, two types of Central/South Asian bread.

The food was plenty but of course diners still had room for dessert—flavorful ras malai, a creamy dessert with cardamom and pistachios, and fragrant gulab jamun, small balls of deep-fried milk solids soaked in rosewater-flavored syrup.

It was an evening with delectable food and lively conversations all around the long table. If you were not able to join the group and would like to visit the restaurant on your own, Sabri Nihari is located at 2502 W. Devon Avenue in Chicago.



Wrapping gifts for Settlement families, left to right: Carol Nielsen, Margaret Schatz and Jean Wilson

WRAPPING GIFTS AND SAMPLING COOKIES: A DECEMBER TRADITION

On the evening of December 12, Margaret Schatz hosted Circle's annual gift-wrapping party and cookie exchange for the Adopt-a-Family Holiday Project. Supplied with scissors, tape and plenty of colorful wrapping paper and ribbons, Circle members set to work wrapping the many gifts purchased for members of five Northwestern Settlement families. Many hands make light work, especially thanks to the organizational skills of Carol Nielsen and Pat Ulmer. In no time at all, the gifts were wrapped and boxed up, and workers found themselves sampling the dozens of cookies prepared for the event. Jean and Ed Wilson delivered the gifts the following day in plenty of time for Settlement staff to distribute them to families for Christmas.



Team of wrappers, left to right, Sylvia Taflove, Elisabeth Malthouse, Debbie Crimmins, Gay Menges, Pat Ulmer, Jane Dowding and Mary Paula Baumann

SOCIAL SERVICE KEEPS KIDS WARM

The Social Service group sent handmade mittens, gloves and scarves to the children of Northwestern Settlement in December, and in turn received lovely thank-you notes from the children and their teachers. The Social Service group will meet on May 31 at the home of Sally Dobroski.

PIECEMAKERS: 18 QUILTS—STILL COUNTING!

It's been a productive year for Piecemakers quilting group. Last fall, members were busy making holiday- and winter-themed lap quilts for each of the five Northwestern Settlement families in the Adopt-a-Family project. Three additional quilts were donated to Settlement's senior citizens raffle.

Since then, the quilters have been busy working on "fun packs." Using an assortment of donated fabrics, several members assembled packs of coordinated fabrics, which were distributed to the quilters to piece as they wished. Members either worked on their own or teamed up at the monthly meetings to design, cut and piece the blocks, which were then joined into quilt tops, and finally assembled into finished lap quilts. So far at least ten kid-friendly quilts have been made, with more on the way. The goal is to make at least 35 lap quilts to donate to the children living at the Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Child + Family Center in Evanston.

Don't be fooled into thinking this is all work, because it's mostly fun, with loads of creativity, problem-solving and camaraderie thrown in. Piecemakers meets in members' homes on the first Tuesday evening of the month from September through June. If you're interested in joining the fun, contact Lonnie Dunlap (l-dunlap@sbcglobal.net) or Margaret Schatz (mesharbor@gmail.com).

CIRCLE MEMBERS ENJOY SUPPER & CONCERT

— by Eleanor Prince

Twenty-eight members of University Circle gathered for a candle-lit potluck supper in the McCormick Foundation Center on Saturday, January 28, followed by attendance at a program given by the Northwestern University Orchestra at Pick-Staiger Hall. Attendees enjoyed wine and appetizers and a full supper ending in elegant desserts.

Highlight of the dinner was a talk given by a tuxedoed Victor Yampolsky, conductor of the University Orchestra. Mr. Yampolsky was formerly co-concertmaster and assistant conductor with the Moscow Symphony Orchestra before being hired by the Northwestern University School of Music. He regaled the Circle audience with his experiences of working with University student musicians who are all seeking positions with major orchestras. He said that the evening's "Double Violin Concerto" by Zoghbi, of which he had conducted the premier performance in the Canary Islands in 1995, was not doable again until he had found two mature professional violin soloists who actually had the sensitivity and flexibility to play with another soloist.

The evening's concert featured two pieces by French composers in addition to the double violin concerto. The Northwestern student orchestra played with great understanding of detail and nuance under Yampolsky's baton, and more pointed energy than the Chicago Symphony often exhibits. It was obvious these young performers were prepared to play in major orchestras of the world.



Settlement kids say "Thanks!"



At the dessert table: Mary Paula Baumann and Eleanor Prince



Victor Yampolsky delights Circle members



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The University Circle
invites you to our
Annual Spring Luncheon

Wednesday, May 17

11:45 am

Gusto of Wilmette Restaurant

1146 Wilmette Avenue in Wilmette

~ Program ~

Short Annual Business Meeting

Presentation of Scholarships to NU Students

Elizabeth Christian, Katie Scovic & Alison Wilder

"My Journey to a Profession"

Duska, Owner/Manager of Gusto of Wilmette

Please RSVP by May 13 to Pat Ulmer, pat.ulmer@gmail.com or 847-491-6117. Include names of prospective members, who are welcome as guests of University Circle. Make checks for \$20 payable to University Circle and mail to Pat Ulmer, 2021 Noyes Street, Evanston, IL 60201. Parking is available on the street or in the free lot across the street.