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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am proud to say that our collaboration with and support of Northwestern Settlement was the highlight of our year. Continuing a long tradition, Circle provided a wonderful holiday for five Settlement families in December, with generous gift cards for food and individual presents to all the members of five families. Additional funds were sent to the Settlement Emergency Fund in January, and all of our membership dues collected last fall were sent to the Settlement Food Pantry. These contributions amounted to over \$1200.

Members of Settlement's Golden Agers Club were the recipients of beautiful quilts created by the Piecemakers, Circle's talented quilting group. Our assistance to Settlement has made a difference in so many lives.

The highlight of the spring is choosing Circle Scholarship recipients from Northwestern's staff who are working on degrees in the School of Professional Studies. Thank you to the many contributors to this fund. This year, because of the outstanding number of applicants and the increased need, the Circle Board augmented the scholarship fund with \$2000 from our checking account to give scholarships of \$1800 to four recipients instead of three. These young people's educational aspirations and accomplishments give us all hope for the future.



Thank you to our scholarship committee for reading the applications and choosing our honorees. We look forward to meeting them via Zoom on May 18 (see below). My sincere thanks to Debbie Crimmins who graciously volunteered to take on this important responsibility this year from Gay Menges who guided this committee for many years. Debbie's capable committee included Candice Dalrymple, Jane Dampfs, Sally Dobroski, Gay Menges, and Jean Wilson.

Many thanks to the program committee for hosting our First Virtual Tea Party on April 22. It was wonderful to see so many friendly faces sharing happy memories.

Sometimes this year, I wondered if we would be able to accomplish anything in Circle with not being able to meet in person. Then I remembered the amazing generosity of this group, and knew I was so wrong. From all the donations to Settlement to our support of four scholarship winners—the generosity and spirit of this group continues to amaze me. Thank you, everyone.

Patricia Ulmer

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The University Circle of Northwestern University

invites you to meet the 2021 University Circle Scholarship Recipients in a virtual program on

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 4:00 TO 5:00 PM

Soo La Kim, Assistant Dean for Graduate Programs at the School of Professional Studies, will also join us in a conversation with the four recipients.

The scholarship committee was inspired by the recipients' incredible dedication to their studies, work, community and family. University Circle thanks all the donors who make the scholarships possible.

If you have questions, please contact Debbie Crimmins at Crimmins.debbie@gmail.com.

Please register in advance at tinyurl.com/4b63h636.

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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

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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UNIVERSITY CIRCLE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2021

The Scholarship Committee of University Circle announces with great pleasure the recipients of the 2021 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 a special virtual presentation to be held on May 18 via Zoom.

— *Debbie Crimmins, Chair; Candice Dalrymple, Jane Dampts, Sally Dobroski, Gay Menges, and Jean Wilson*



ROSA ORTIZ is the associate director of research administration for the Center for Community and Health at Northwestern's School of Communication. She is working towards a Master of Science Degree in Data Science. She completed her undergraduate degree at

the School of Professional Studies as a non-traditional student. Her academic career has been an anchor and inspiration through difficult life challenges. She is excited that her graduate program will help her make a difference in the world.



REBECCA PRINCE plans to finish her Master of Science Degree in Global Health this June. She is the research coordinator of the Head and Neck Multidisciplinary Clinic within the Department of Otolaryngology at the Feinberg School of Medicine. She was born in the United

Arab Emirates to South Indian immigrants and headed the University of Florida's chapter of Students Organize for Syria (SOS) while studying there. In the future, she hopes to use her experience in oncological disease management, clinical research, and skills in international health care to foster global health interventions in low- and middle-income countries.



ANA SFERRUZZA is working toward a Master of Science Degree in Information Design and Strategy. She started working at Northwestern as a standardized patient based on her acting experience 14 years ago. She is now the director of the Clinical Education Center at the

Feinberg School of Medicine. Before the pandemic she volunteered at Horsefeathers Therapeutic Riding Center. She has been a mentor for other employees through the Association of Northwestern University Women and has participated in the Administrative Leadership Development Program.



HAMNA SIDDIQUI hopes to pursue a research career in public health, ideally working for the CDC or for other public health programs. She is working on a Master of Science Degree in Global Health and works as a research assistant in the Department of Neurology at

the Feinberg School of Medicine. She has served as a Chicago Scholars mentor for first-generation college students and has also volunteered at local clinics. She comes from an immigrant family and was the first one in her family to attend college and pursue a higher education degree.

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.

HOLIDAY PROJECT CONTINUES WHEN IT'S NEEDED MOST

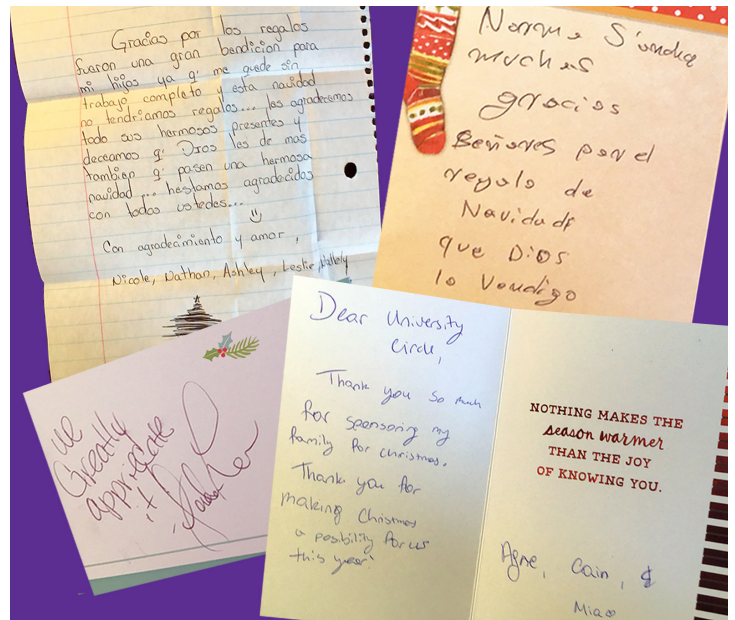
—by Pat Ulmer

A big thank-you to everyone who made our Adopt-a-Family Holiday Project a success this year. It created holiday joy for the five families chosen by NU Settlement to receive our gifts. Generous contributions totaling \$3325 were donated by 36 Circle members. After family gift cards for food, individual gift cards for each family member, and books for the children were purchased, the remaining \$883 was sent to the Settlement Food Pantry and Emergency Fund.

Many thanks to the committee members who made this happen. Margaret Schatz facilitated the communication with Settlement. Linda LaBuda organized the purchasing and wrapping of the children's books, which were purchased from Page One Books in Evanston. Bert Mount managed all the monies received and disbursed. Pat Ulmer organized the boxes and purchase of gift cards. Sally Sprowl drove to the Settlement to make our delivery.

We had to forgo the ever-popular gift-wrapping party (with Elisabeth Malthouse's Austrian Walnut Torte With Coffee Whipped Cream) this year, but were pleased that even without it we accomplished our goal of helping Settlement families.

Circle thanks those listed to the right for their generous contributions to the Adopt-a-Family Holiday Project in December 2020. Settlement families are grateful and appreciate your support when it's needed most.



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CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION VIA ELECTRONIC SURVEY

The Nominating Committee announces the following slate of candidates for election to the executive board for two-year terms:

President: Pat Ulmer

Corresponding Secretary: Sylvia Taflove

The election will be held by electronic survey. Look for an email with more information in the coming weeks.

—Jane Dowding and Margaret Schatz

Remembering Our Circle Friends



We send condolences to Circle member **Barbara Keer**, whose husband **Leon Keer** passed away on January 12. Leon was professor emeritus of civil and environmental engineering and mechanical engineering at NU. Leon and Barbara were married for 64 years.

We were sad to learn that **Allen Taflove**, husband of long-time Circle member **Sylvia Taflove**, passed away on April 25. Allen was professor of electrical engineering at Northwestern for 37 years. Sylvia is currently Circle's corresponding secretary and has also led projects to support Northwestern Settlement. Our thoughts are with Sylvia and her family.

2020-2021 CIRCLE SCHOLARSHIP FUND 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 40 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 September 2020 through April 2021.

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Gay Menges
Robert Menges
Kenneth Mount
Thomas R. Prince
James G. Staley
Nikki Zarefsky

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.

RECENT ADDITIONS TO CIRCLE'S FAMILY

Circle is happy to welcome our newest members: Candice Dalrymple and Lindy Lynk. We'll let them introduce themselves. . .



HI!

My name is **Candice Dalrymple**, and I am a relatively new member, having been introduced to Circle by Jane Dowding. My family moved to Illinois a few years ago after many years in Maryland. The lure, not

surprisingly, was our family, including three grandchildren.

During our Maryland years, my husband and I were both part of the Johns Hopkins University community. He was a faculty member in the Hopkins Department of Civil Engineering (and he is affiliated with the Northwestern Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering), and I was associate dean of university libraries. Not sure how I wound up in the library system since I have a background in history, not library science, but the staff there was kind enough to welcome a non-librarian into the family. I was in charge of the teaching and learning center for faculty and graduate students, whose mission was to help them figure out the best strategies for teaching large and small classes and the most efficient ways to use instructional technology to clarify course content.

We initially settled in Evanston, but recently moved to Highland Park when we discovered its many ravines, which remind us of the East Coast. We are in Evanston frequently and often participate in Evanston and Northwestern activities. This spring I was pleased to help out with the selection of Circle Scholarship recipients. Glad to have found such a welcoming and worthwhile service group!



HELLO!

My name is **Paulinda Lynk**, known by my friends as Lindy. I am a Chicagoland native, but I bounced around the country quite a bit in my college years and early twenties. For the past forty-two years I have lived in Glenview, where my husband and I raised our two children. I now have six amazing grandchildren: four in Park Ridge and two in Houston, Texas.

Before my children were born, I taught high school English and also worked in a junior high school reading lab. After my daughter's birth, I began doing freelance writing for textbook companies. Those assignments led to me working as an editor for Scott Foresman, which became Pearson. I retired five years ago.

I look forward to enjoying the things I love to do once the pandemic is contained—traveling, attending the theater, playing tennis, socializing with friends, trying new restaurants, and playing bridge with friends in person. Thank you for inviting me to join the NU Circle. I can't wait to meet all of you in person and to participate in the activities of the organization.

SPRING TEA REUNION

— by Jane Dowding

NU Circle members enjoyed a virtual spring tea via Zoom on the afternoon of April 22nd. Eighteen members joined the Zoom call, with former Circle president Trink Newman calling in from Olympia, Washington. Women who have been members for over 50 years, as well as our two newest members, shared thoughts about the past year and future post-pandemic plans.

While members were visiting with each other, NU Circle President Pat Ulmer busily wrote down the name of every non-board person on the call. At the end of the call, she drew the name of the lucky winner of the “window prize” (not to be confused with “door prize”): a gift certificate to Evanston’s Spice House. The lucky winner was Circle’s newest member, Lindy Lynk. Thanks



to all who participated and to Elisabeth Malthouse for the screen shot!

NEWBERRY LIBRARY EVENT Courtesy of University Guild

— by Jean Corvine

On February 1, the members of Circle were guests of University Guild at their Zoom program. Many were able to attend and they heard an interesting speaker: Dr. Daniel Greene, who is an adjunct professor in Northwestern’s History Department and president and librarian of the Newberry Library.

Dr. Greene used the resources of his library and institutional archives to research an interesting and heretofore hidden part of the history of the Newberry Library and of Chicago. It was revealed that the Newberry as an institution engaged in discriminatory practices by including multiple restrictive covenants barring African Americans from renting Newberry-owned properties during the 1930s and 1940s, of which there were



many. Perhaps a stanza from Langston Hughes’ poem, “Restrictive Covenants,” sums this up well:

*In Chicago
They’ve got covenants
Restricting me —
Hemmed in
On the South Side,
Can’t breathe free.*

The University Guild, of which I am a member, welcomes any of those in Circle who would like to join. The organization holds teas twice each month during the NU academic year, with very interesting speakers, NU students who perform at our Christmas program and WAMU singers who give a concert for us. Speakers are drawn from the NU faculty and interesting representatives from the local and Chicago artistic and historical community. We meet in the Guild Room of Scott Hall on the Evanston campus or by Zoom during the current pandemic.

Please contact me for further information: Jean Corvine, jeanmzc@aol.com.

PIECEMAKERS IN THE TIME OF COVID—PART 2



— by Margaret Schatz

Another fall quilt show may be in the works, as Piecemakers have been very busy at home, sewing lap quilts which will be donated to Deborah’s Place later this year. We’re off to a great start with several made by Carol Booth, Barb Cushing, and Carol Nielsen, as seen in the accompanying photos.

Deborah’s Place is a service organization that has been helping unaccompanied and homeless women in Chicago since 1985. The goal for Piecemakers is to donate 40 lap quilts to the women living in the permanent supportive housing facility by early December. They are mostly in their 50s, disabled but mobile, and women of color.

Piecemakers have been meeting via Zoom since January, with thanks to Debbie Crimmins who has handled the technology. It’s always fun to see what members are working on and have accomplished, and to share vaccine as well as other stories and, recently, tales of travel.

Ann Duncan-Gibbs, who has been a member of the group from almost the beginning, will be moving to Iowa later this year, and we have literally been with her as she sews and packs and sews and packs. Fortunately, Ann will be able to stay connected with the group thanks to Zoom.

In the upcoming weeks and throughout summer, the group plans to resume meeting in Carol Nielsen’s backyard to tie quilts. Everyone is looking forward to that for many reasons.

