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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I'm enjoying watching a bunny in the backyard, nibbling little sprouts under the snow. Now there is a red cardinal in the azalea bush and the daffodils have a white bonnet of snow. All of this is giving me hope that we will recover.

It is hard to believe that we cannot be together for our annual spring luncheon this year because of the need to keep ourselves, family, and community safe from the coronavirus illness. The Board is hoping to reschedule the luncheon for the fall.

With our focus on the present, it is easy to forget the wonderful year we shared together. The Halim Clock and Glass Museum in Evanston will become a proud destination for future visits from family and friends. Together we celebrated Beethoven's 250th birthday with a performance of the Ninth Symphony by the University Symphony Orchestra and Choirs at beautiful Pick-Staiger Concert Hall. We will enjoy concerts there again. As a result of your generous gifts, we provided a wonderful holiday for five Northwestern Settlement families. Additional funds were sent to the Settlement Emergency Fund in February. At that time, we could not



predict the need the families would face the next month. We also enjoyed a tour of the Block Museum and a performance of "Legally Blonde: The Musical," preceded by the ever-popular potluck dinner.

Thank you to our scholarship committee for reading all the applications and choosing our honorees. Although we need to postpone our usual celebration with our scholarship recipients in May, they will receive notification of the stipends toward their fall classes. Enjoy reading the inspirational biographies of

the Northwestern staff chosen to be recipients of this year's Circle Scholarship awards. Thank you to the many contributors to this fund which allowed us to award these scholarships. These young people's educational aspirations and accomplishments give us all hope for the future. We look forward to congratulating our recipients in person next fall.

Please continue to take care of yourselves as we look forward to that time.

Patricia Ulmer

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CANDIDATES SLATED FOR ELECTION VIA ELECTRONIC SURVEY

The annual meeting of University Circle, which is normally held at the spring luncheon in May, has been postponed this year because of the COVID-19 outbreak. Instead, the election of officers will be held by electronic survey. Look for an email with more information in the coming weeks. The Nominating Committee announces the following slate of candidates for election to two-year terms:

Vice-Presidents for Membership: Linda LaBuda and Margaret Schatz

Recording Secretary: Jean Wilson

Treasurer: Bert Mount

— Jane Dowding and Margaret Schatz

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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 AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Scholarship Committee of University Circle announces with great pleasure the recipients of the 2020 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 in person at a future date.

— *Gay Menges, chair; Jane Dampts, Tiffany Tuck, and Jean Wilson*



RASIKA DHOND is currently working full-time as a research technician in the Department of Infectious Disease studying host responses to HIV. She is pursuing her Master's in Health Informatics. She seeks to learn more about healthcare operations and pursue a

goal of developing health information technology to improve the current system, with a specific interest in telemedicine and wearable technology. Outside of work and study, she finds time to draw and paint and to volunteer with the Chicago Comedy Film Festival and PAWS Chicago.

Rasika answered some questions in order to give our members a better understanding of her work and studies. Here is Rasika in her own words:

Q Please elaborate on what Health Informatics is and what a person in this field would be likely to do on a day-to-day basis.

A Health informatics can be best described as the acquisition, storage, and analysis of health information. Health informatics allows us to understand how patients, providers, and payers can best use information technology to improve standards of patient care. Someone in this field could find themselves in positions such as clinical data analyst, health IT consultant, or medical information officer. Day-to-day, informatics leaders work with healthcare organizations to analyze

clinical data and to design and implement new health technology systems to achieve the best health outcomes.

Q How do you see your career developing in the future?

A As a research technician, I am heavily focused on benchwork science, but in the future would love to implement some of the analytical skills I learn in the health informatics program to dive deeper into analyzing the data that I produce. During my career, I would also like to be involved in clinical research looking at the use of wearable technology such as Apple Watch and Fitbit, to acquire health data from high-risk patients or those with chronic conditions. Having a hand in implementing novel and innovative information technology to acquire health data for clinical research would be an excellent step forward in my career.

ELIZABETH GARCIA, who works as the Financial Administrator for the Clinical Research Department at Northwestern University and is studying for a bachelor's degree in Organization Behavior, will be the first member of her family to obtain a college degree. In addition to working and



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studying, Liz is the mother of two boys. She says, "I am inspired to be brave enough to continue this journey by doing homework alongside my kids." In addition, she volunteers at her church Youth Ministry Program and enjoys bike riding with her family.

Here are the questions for Liz whose determination and dedication are strong indications of future success.

Q Please explain a bit more about how studying Organization Behavior will help you in your future career.

A Studying Organization Behavior has given me the skill set to practice time management, project management skills, scheduling, communication, prioritizing, multi-tasking, and building relationships throughout the organization. Most importantly, it has given me insight into how staffs behave and perform within the workplace, ensuring a strong and trusting relationship with my employees here at Northwestern. I am hoping that with my degree I can obtain a Human Resources Management or Team Building Consultant Career.

Q What do you find most meaningful about your work as a Financial Administrator at Northwestern University?

A What I find most meaningful in my current role is that this position has given me the opportunity to collaborate with different departments, which has allowed me to build relationships throughout the organization and with Northwestern Memorial Hospital. I enjoy building trust and mentoring my staff to ensure they build their own skill set. Since I have been in my role, the Clinical Research Unit has maintained zero billing errors. Due to my engagement within the organization, I have received two Service Excellence Awards. I also received Staff Recognition for "collaborative teamwork with Northwestern University and Northwestern Memorial Clinical Research Unit teams to improve new study processes and

billing. And, for consistently seeking ways to strengthen the team dynamic across the University and the Hospital and fostering ways to improve communications." Northwestern University highly values collaboration, and my role as Financial Administrator allows me to strive for excellence.

LUIZA KULIKOWSKA is

a research administrator at the Lurie Cancer Center and a student seeking a Master of Science in Global Health. Her interests in global health stemmed from witnessing first hand as an immigrant from Poland, how the slightest economic imbalance can have the greatest impact on a population. In addition to global health systems, she developed a strong interest in addictions, genetics, and epigenetics through her work at the Center for Alcohol Research in Epigenetics. She volunteers with UNICEF and is interested in increasing access to educational opportunities for underdeveloped countries as a preventative approach to disease.



Luiza's dedication to her work and her studies is evident in her answers to the questions.

Q Please say more about how your work at the Lurie Cancer Center fits in with your goal of understanding health initiatives.

A Within the Cancer Center we have the privilege of working with many different disease-focused teams, as the grants we manage are typically center awards (ie; consortia, cooperative agreements, specialized programs of research excellence) and training programs. Embedded within these Centers are initiatives to alleviate health disparities pertaining to each specific disease group. I have the opportunity to observe how investigators

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strategically build their research teams and take a multidisciplinary approach to disease treatment and eradication, which I believe is critical to truly understanding the rationale behind many global health initiatives and partnerships. My direct work focuses on funding management for these various programs and their collaborators.

Q Please describe in more detail how your immigrant background has inspired your interest in global health and what direction your career might take.

A Through my experience with health care abroad, in Poland, I learned that there are many inconsistencies in the level of care received by patients. Health disparities exist between different socioeconomic classes and finding access to

consistent affordable quality care was challenging. Through my interactions with others who have immigrated to the US, large gaps in knowledge about the capabilities of the US healthcare system were apparent among non-native citizens. Without proper guidance, this often results in many immigrants not utilizing the health system at all. Ultimately, I would like to transition to a clinical role with the potential to engage in educational initiatives and multidisciplinary research programs aimed toward addressing such health disparities.

University Circle and the Scholarship Committee thank Margaret McCarthy, associate dean of student and alumni services, and her staff in the School of Professional Studies for administering and managing University Circle's scholarship program.



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT SAYS "THANK YOU"



EMILY KEFFERSTAN, sent the following message several months ago, before it was announced that commencement would be virtual because of COVID-19. We hope Emily and her mother return for in-person graduation in June 2021. Congratulations, Emily!

I want to thank University Circle for this scholarship and the opportunities which it has opened up for me! This scholarship helped me expedite my studies by being able to take more classes a quarter, and I am almost certain that my being close to the end of my degree and being able to balance so many classes while keeping a high

GPA was a large motivating factor in my receiving a job offer that was previously unattainable. This fall I took a new position in the Theatre Department managing their new venues in Abbott Hall, which **perfectly** aligns with my career goals, and I doubt I would have received this position and promotion if I wasn't able to show how motivated I am to finish my degree. Thank you so much for this scholarship and for opening an infinite number of doors for me! My mom is elated to be visiting Northwestern this upcoming May, this time to see me graduate! I'm so thankful to this community and Northwestern for helping make abandoned dreams that once felt unreachable come true. Thank you!

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2019-2020 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 36 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 BETWEEN MARCH 2019 AND APRIL 2020.

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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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Claudia Krizek (left) and Jane Dowding (right) at the Settlement project wrapping party.



Left to right, Pat Ulmer, Jean Wilson and Sally Dobroski enjoy dinner after wrapping gifts.

HOLIDAY WRAPPING PARTY 2019



Circle's holiday wrapping party was held on December 10 at the home of Margaret Schatz. The annual event, held to wrap the gifts donated to NU Settlement families, had all the fun of previous years' parties, with one major update: those attending were treated to dinner from Pita Inn in Skokie. By popular demand, dessert was Elisabeth Malthouse's Austrian Walnut Torte With Coffee Whipped Cream (*Nusstorte*), topped with birthday candles for Pat Ulmer. The 18 people in attendance included Circle members and invited guests, all of whom enjoyed the conviviality of completing an important service project while visiting with old friends and new. Many thanks to Jane Dowding, Margaret Schatz and Pat Ulmer for organizing and producing the event, and to Sally Sprowl for delivering the gifts to NU Settlement.



Left to right, Elisabeth Malthouse, Jane Wilson, Linda LaBuda and Claudia Krizek celebrate the season together.



Guest Mary Ellen Lydon (left) is welcomed by Margaret Schatz (center) and Diane Unger (right).

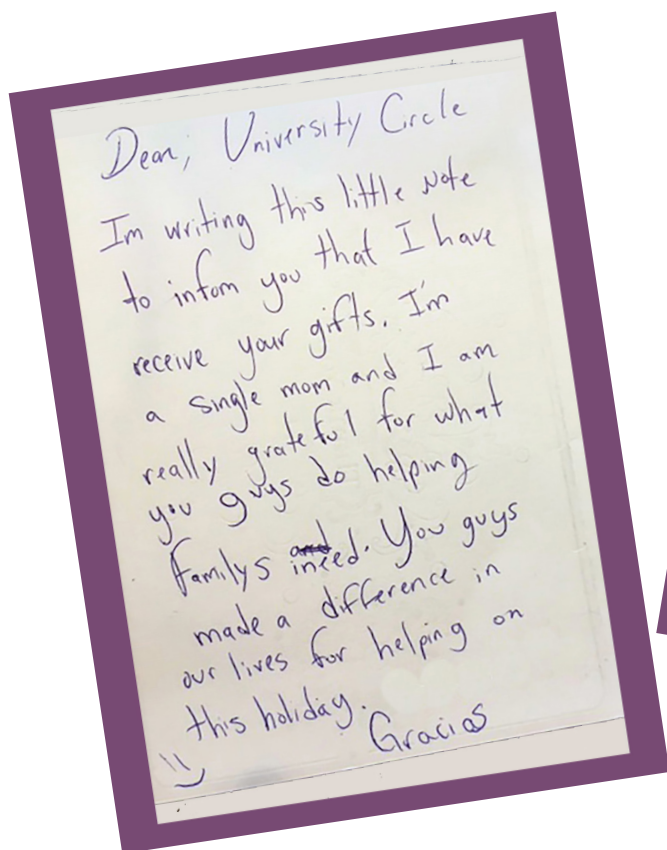
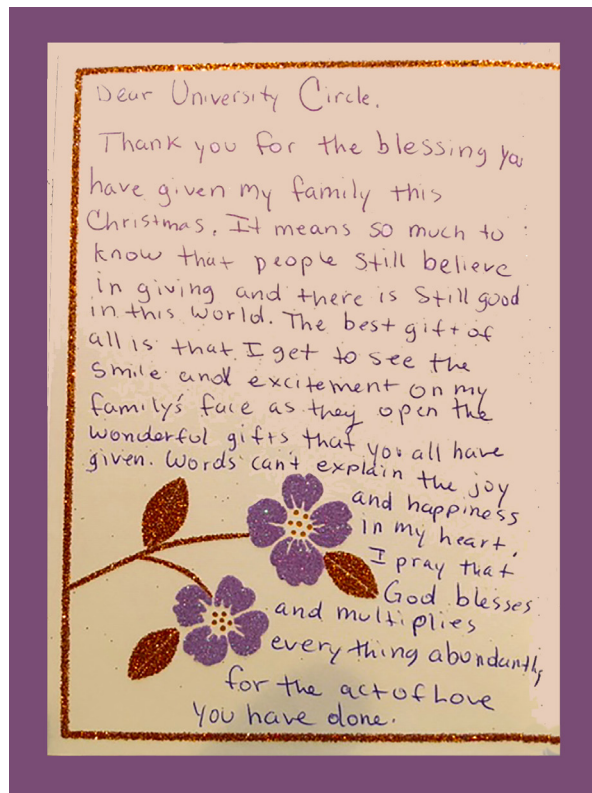
SETTLEMENT HOLIDAY PROJECT DONORS

A total of 30 Circle members contributed to the 2019 Adopt-a-Family Holiday Project by purchasing gifts or donating cash. The gifts were chosen from requests made by the parents and children of five families who participate in Northwestern Settlement programs.

Cash contributions totaling \$1360 went to purchase gifts and gift certificates and to supplement Settlement's emergency fund. **Thank you to all who contributed to this important annual holiday project.**

Mary Paula Baumann
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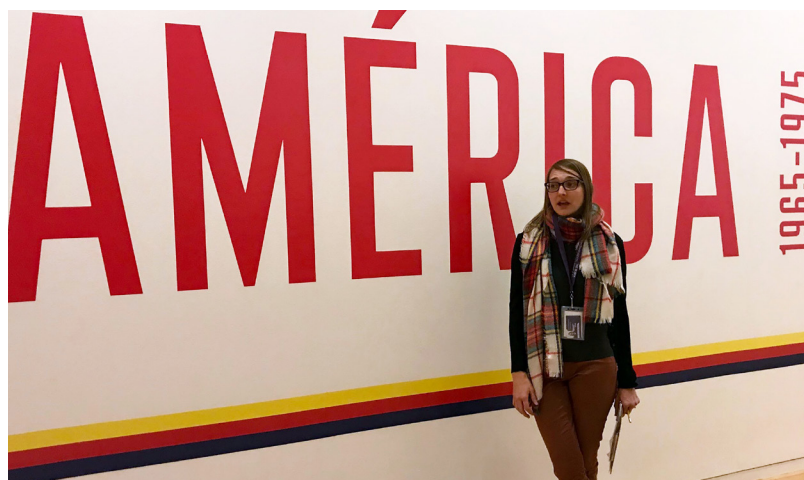
CIRCLE TOUR OF POP AMÉRICA

– by Elisabeth Malthouse

On November 21, 2019, a group of Circle members enjoyed a docent-led tour of the exhibit *Pop América, 1965-1975*, at the Block Museum of Art. We are probably all very familiar with well-known pieces of pop art such as Andy Warhol's Campbell's Soup Cans or Roy Lichtenstein's parodic comic-like paintings. Pop América is the first exhibition to unify American and Latinx expressions of Pop. It showcased nearly 100 artworks (paintings, prints, sculptures and film) by artists from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Mexico, Peru, Puerto Rico, Venezuela and the United States. And while the artworks definitely belonged to pop art in their use of imagery from popular and mass culture, they often also included political and social issues. If you missed this interesting exhibit, you can see a sample of artworks on the Block Museum website at tinyurl.com/ycytf2cp.



Left to right, Jean Corvine, Eleanor Prince, Elisabeth Malthouse, Margaret Schatz and Pat Ulmer at NU's Block Museum.



A Block Museum docent gives insight into this collection of Pop Art from the Americas.



© Hugo Rivera-Scott, Pop América, 1968



Left to right, Eleanor Prince, Sally Sprowl and Jean Corvine at the Pop América exhibit.

PIECEMAKERS POWER THROUGH A PANDEMIC

– by Lonnie Dunlap

While Piecemakers' members haven't been able to get together in person since early March, we have continued to work on an exciting group project. We started this year with a goal of making 30 quilts (45 x 45 inches) for members of Northwestern Settlement's Golden Agers Club, which provides socialization opportunities for senior citizens. Of course each quilt features the color purple! It is so fun to see how the completed ones came together and there are more to come. Despite the delay, we plan to finish and deliver them when it is possible.

As part of helping with community needs, many of us are making cloth face masks for local groups such as hospitals, senior centers, and the Rice Center, a therapeutic residential center for children, located in Evanston.

Sheltering at home provides an opportunity to work on our individual projects as well. In the midst of all we are going through, it has been helpful to have a creative outlet. We are looking forward to when we can safely gather together again.

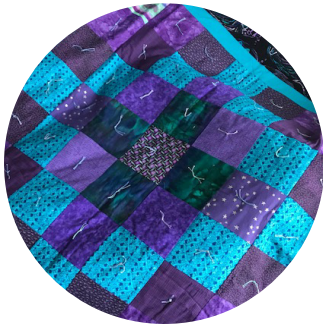
< Rice Center staff social distancing while wearing masks made by Piecemakers.



Dear Piecemakers Quilt Group-

Thank you so much for your kindness & generosity to our program during this exceptional time. We sincerely appreciate the time you took to give to our program. You all are exceptionally talented! We are sure you all have so much to contend with right now, too, but the fact that you give time, supplies, and skill to make masks is amazing and so thoughtful. Our program is enriched by having supporters like you and we are so thankful and grateful for you all! Please stay healthy & well!

Rice Child & Family Center Staff & Youth



POTLUCK AND PLAY NIGHT SERVES UP A HIT

– by Jane Dowding and Jane Dampts

Northwestern Circle’s annual potluck dinner and theater night was held on February 22 to see NU’s production of the musical *“Legally Blonde: The Musical.”* Thirty Circle members and guests enjoyed stimulating conversation and a sumptuous potluck dinner in the McCormick Foundation Center, overlooking the lake and south campus.

We were honored to have Tucker DeGregory, the creative and dynamic assistant director/choreographer, share his perspective on the performance with us. Tucker is currently a senior at NU with aspirations to become a professional director. He gave us insights not only into the *“Legally Blonde”* production, but also into the amazing talents and drive of NU’s performing arts community. Tucker told us that he was inspired by director and choreographer Christopher Chase Carter, a professional director in Broadway theater, who emphasized that *“Legally Blonde”* was a collaborative process, and that the musical struck a personal chord with the students, as it reflects where they are in their

own lives. The audience, mainly students, as well as our Circle attendees, were entranced by the high energy, amazing talent, and total immersion of the talented performers in presenting the timely themes of gender stereotypes and women realizing their potential and entering the professional world after college.

We felt very lucky to get tickets, since this production was sold out before the show even opened, for the first time in the history of NU theater!

Remembering Our Circle Friends



Ken Mount, spouse of long-time NU Circle member Bert Mount, passed away on January 29, 2020. Ken was professor emeritus, NU Mathematics Department. Bert serves as Circle’s treasurer and is a member of Piecemakers Quilting Group. She and Ken have been active members of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Evanston. Circle sends condolences to Bert and her family.