Happy Birthday UWA
65 years young!!!

Come to a Birthday Party you will NEVER forget!!!
Thursday, August 7th, 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm
Main Lobby of Headington Hall, corner of Lindsey & Jenkins

Three “presents” are waiting for your enjoyment!

First….. is the rare and extra-special privilege of holding our birthday party in OU’s brand new Headington Hall. Get a behind-the-scenes tour of OU’s newest and most spectacular dormitory before it is bursting at the seams with students and new semester activity. Come see what everyone around the university is talking about.

Second….. come meet Dean Kelly and Beth Damphousse, Headington Hall's Faculty-in-Residence house parents. Beth likes to say she gave up her two kids to college, at OU, but gained 380 more. Beth and Kelly strive to provide a sense of “at-home” quality for each student.

Best of all….. we will have Coach Sherri Coale as our special guest and speaker. Come hear her enthusiasm for another new school year, as she again strives to prepare her athletes to excel in the classroom as well as on the hardwood.

This is a party you won’t want to miss!!!
The New UWA Board has planned a GREAT year!

I'm Judy Smith, your new UWA President. I've spent my college and working career at the University of Oklahoma. My husband, Charles Sever, and I are retired and are active in the life of the Norman and OU communities.

I am so proud to be a member of UWA because this organization is all about women and their accomplishments! I love the fact that UWA gives a number of scholarships each year to highly deserving OU women. We also plan events that help us get to know each other and experience a glimpse of the OU campus that might not be available to the general public.

2014 is Special for UWA

I am thrilled to be UWA’s president during it’s 65th Birthday year. There are not many other campus organizations that can affirm this fact! I want this to be a truly monumental year for UWA. To celebrate our birthday, and to assure that we can permanently meet our scholarships goals, UWA maintains an OU Foundation account, for the sole purpose of providing our scholarships. I want to see our OU Foundation account grow from $66,000 to $100,000. At 5% interest per year, our scholarship dollars would guarantee a dedicated source for helping our young OU women achieve their educational goals.

Your UWA Board has come up with some exciting plans for getting this accomplished.

UWA SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AROUND TO STAY ENDOWED FOREVER, COME WHAT MAY

Can we meet this $100,000 goal?

You bet we can! We can start immediately in several ways:

1. Send an extra check with your membership dues. Paid to the OU Foundation, it will go directly to our scholarship fund, and be tax deductible.

2. If you are a member of the President’s Association, a part of your contribution can be designated to the UWA Scholarship Fund. Don’t forget to chose UWA.

3. Give a memorial or honorary gift in someone’s name to the OU Foundation, UWA Scholarship account.

4. A 65th Birthday gift of $65 will be rewarded with a handy UWA pad and pen.

5. If you pledge a minimum of $200, which can be paid over a two year period, you will receive the UWA pad and pen PLUS an invitation to a special wine and cheese party hosted by Tripp Hall, at his Norman home.

All gift givers will be recognized in our UWA newsletter.

With YOUR help we can reach our goal!!
Our Annual Spring Scholarship Luncheon
April 5th at the Assistance League Building
Speaker, Norman Mayor Cindy Rosenthal
“Why Women in Leadership Matter to You and Me”

This year, our Spring Scholarship Luncheon was changed from Friday noon, to Saturday, in hopes of encouraging more attendance from our working members. This seemed to be a hit, as the luncheon was attended by 80 UWA members, 9 scholarship recipients, and 9 guests. The Luncheon Committee was chaired by Diane Rubin, and she was assisted by Linda Rhodes, Carol White, and LaDonna Sullivan. A delicious salad plate was provided by Catering Creations. Redbud Ridge Vineyard & Winery, owned by UWA member Jann Knotts, provided a beautiful door prize. Other door prizes were provided by Mark Clopton, at Money Matters Financial Group.

Our guest speaker was Cindy Simon Rosenthal, who is currently serving her third term as the mayor of Norman. Cindy is also the director and curator of the Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center. Cindy has done extensive research, focused on the role women have historically played in politics and leadership.

UWA scholarship recipients have reached an all-time high. This year we provided scholarships to nine outstanding women, totaling $9,000. A good time was had by all.
Celebrating 65 years of Friendship, Service, & Fun!!!

Meet our 2014 UWA Scholarship Recipients

Kellie Reidlinger
N.E.W. Leadership, Carl Albert Center. Kellie was the valedictorian of her graduating high school class. She is a junior International Area Studies and Letters major, with a pre-law concentration, and a 3.91 GPA. She looks forward to an international career, and has already resided in Tanzania, for a summer.

Denise Neil-Binion
School of Art and Art History, College of Fine Arts. Denise is proudly of Cherokee descent and is working on her Ph.D. in Native American Art History. She is a skillful writer and has published her first book and numerous professional articles. Denise works part-time as a museum curator, a freelance art critic, and has a 4.0 GPA.

Jessica Tomaszewski
School of Meteorology, College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences. As a young girl, Jessica was very interested in severe weather threats. Associate Dean Kloesel says that Jessica is a very interesting combination of theorist, practitioner, and social magnet. As a senior, she expects to graduate with honors in 2015.

Sarah Quinn
School of Musical Theatre, College of Fine Arts. Prof. Lyn Cramer says that Sarah is one of the best performers to come through the OU program. She recently performed the lead role in OU’s production “The Drowsy Chaperone.” Sarah has a 4.0 GPA. She dreams of starting a performing theatre which would welcome students with special needs.

Parisa Pilehvar
Student Leadership, Student Affairs. Parisa is a senior National Merit Scholar and a Psychology major. She wants to dedicate her life to making a meaningful change in the way society perceives, treats and cares for older women. Following graduation Parisa plans to gain a Ph.D. in clinical geropsychology.

Elizabeth Harrison
School of Dance, College of Fine Arts. Elizabeth is a highly focused young women determined to create a career as a classical dancer. In September, Elizabeth will travel to Austria with an OU performing group. She was chosen for her excellent abilities, responsibility, and self-motivation. She was born in Hong Kong, speaks fluent Cantonese, and studied at the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts.

Kelsey Godfrey
School of Drama, College of Fine Arts. Prof. Rena Cook says that with Kelsey’s 4.0 GPA, she is a class leader, calm and professional in class, while bold and fearless on stage. She has emotional availability that is rare and highly compelling to watch. Kelsey would like to pursue a career in classical theatre, mainly Shakespeare.

Yixin “Berry” Wen
School of Meteorology, College of Atmospheric & Geographic Sciences. Berry was motivated to earn a Master’s degree in Meteorology after observing the tragic affects of China’s 2009 severe drought and floods. Berry works as a graduate research assistant and has already published many first class journal articles.

Alissa Rice
N.E.W. Leadership, Carl Albert Center. Alissa is a junior majoring in political science and French, with a 3.9 GPA. Her excellent leadership skills were applied as Alissa served in student government as the Social Sciences District representative. Her participation in the Capitol Scholars Service Learning Program led to an internship with OK Rep. Emily Virgin.

This year, two scholarships were given in honor of UWA members. Denise Neil Binion received her scholarship in Honor of Regents’ Professor Mary Jo Watson. Parisa Pilehvar received her scholarship in memory of past UWA President Linda Slatt.
Interest Groups

Special Interest Groups give UWA members a fun way to make new friends, while discovering a variety of OU and community interests. Some groups exercise our physical abilities, while others exercise our intellectual side. The lunch groups tantalize our inner culinary desires. Give one or two a try!!

Interest Group Chair - Yelka Weaver - 364-9161 (h) or 623-9871 (c)

Book Group—Contemporary
Meets eight times a year on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.
Yelka Weaver, 364-9161 (h) or 623-9871 (c)

Book Group—Eclectic
Meets six times a year on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m.
Mary Carpenter, 321-4667

Bunco Squad
Meets monthly on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.
Sandy Foster, 573-6959 (h) or 795-1304 (c)

Investment Club
$750 initial cost to join and $50.00 per month.
Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m.
Jan Schwarzkopf, 364-3893 (h) or 937-570-6286 (c)

Out to Lunch Bunch
Meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. at various restaurants
Regina McNabb, 364-9278

Salad Luncheon Group
Meets on the first Tuesday of the month (Oct. through May) at noon in the home of members who take turns hosting. Members bring a salad to share, dessert and breads are provided.
Janet Crain, 321-8184 (h) or 229-3794 (c)

Walking Shoes
From the Wichita mountains to more local treks, this group hits the pavement throughout the year, usually on Mondays.
Janet Crain, 321-8184 (h) or 229-3794 ©

Sooner Adventures
Meets throughout the year for interesting excursions on and off campus.
If you are interested in leading this group, please contact Yelka Weaver, Interest Group Chair.

SAVE THE DATES

Thursday, August 7: 4:30 to 6:30pm
Happy Birthday Membership Event at Headington Hall
Sherri Coale will be our guest speaker
Kelly and Beth Damphousse (the Faculty-in-Residence) will give a building tour

Sunday, November 2: 2-4pm
Third “Annual” Bunco
Theme: Belated Halloween
Hallbrooke Clubhouse, M'Liss’ neighborhood off Rock Creek Road in Norman

Thursday, February 26
Spring Scholarship Fundraiser
La Cage au Folles Musical Rehearsal Night & Pre-Show Champagne & Chocolate Reception

Spring Luncheon
Meet our scholarship recipients and next year's board
Date TBD