President’s Message!

Dear UWA Friends,

I’m M’Liss Graham, your new UWA President. I moved to Norman five years ago when my husband, Charles, became Dean of the OU College of Architecture. Joining UWA when I first arrived gave me an instant connection with wonderful new friendships. Serving on the UWA Board has deepened those friendships into lifelong sisterhoods. What a blessing UWA has been to me!

Why did I join UWA? UWA provides an access to see places and meet people from the OU campus that one would probably never experience. For example, last May UWAers received the rare opportunity of having our Honorary President, Molly Shi Boren, give a personal tour of Boyd House and the many gardens around the OU campus. I had no idea OU had so many beautiful gardens! And, have you seen the football field from the OU Memorial Stadium Sooner Suites, and seen their behind-the-scenes operations? UWAers did! Wow!!!

Scholarships! With UWA, we can give back to our university by helping students reach their goal of a college education. For this school year, UWA has awarded five $1,500 scholarships. This fall, we hope to raise our number of UWA memberships, and award even more scholarships next year.

YOU CAN HELP US REACH THIS GOAL! SEND IN YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES AND BRING IN A NEW MEMBER OR FRIEND TO OUR BUNCO FUNDRAISER NOV 2!

Your UWA President, M’Liss Graham
Fall Registration Kickoff
September 15, 2013

Dr. Dave Sabatini, along with two of his graduate students, gave an interesting and informative presentation about water conditions in Norman, the U.S., and around the world.

We learned that “Yes,” the Norman water is perfectly safe to drink. Dr. Sabatini said that he wouldn’t think about drinking any other kind. Good to know!!!

The National Weather Center proved to be a perfect location. We thank Dean Berrien Moore for allowing us to use his beautiful facility.

One thing you will always find at a UWA event is good food!!! UWA President M’Liss Graham is checking it out with her UWA friend, Linda Rhodes. Members register, pay dues, and sign up for the interests groups they wish to join.

Following the water presentation, Dr. Tom Woodfin and Dr. Lee Fithian discussed research being conducted by the Landscape Architecture Division. A roof-top garden, at the Weather Center, has been planted and will be monitored for conservation and efficiency.

It was an extra-special treat to be allowed up on the observation deck to see the garden.

Robert Westbrook was very entertaining as he discussed the planting logistics of a roof garden. Robert treated everyone to some easy-to-grow Blackeyed Susan seeds and some “babies” from a Mother of Thousands plant.

A good time was had by all, and everyone is looking forward to the Bunco Party which is coming up on Nov. 2nd.
New Communications Team

UWA is getting a “technology upgrade” under the direction of Gina Petruccelli, an OU technology expert. Our technology projects include our UWA website, along with Facebook and Pinterest. Besides online, we will create several newsletters, and our annual UWA directory and yearbook. All of this can’t be accomplished without a very dedicated team. Hats off to these members who have volunteered to participate on the “CT.”

Gina Petruccelli, Team Leader
Michele Ezell, Sandra Foster, Juanitta Goins, M’Liss Graham, Michelle Harper, Carla Kramer, Margaret Smith, Yelka Weaver, Lynn Weber, & Erin Yarbrough

Welcome New UWA Members

Crystal (Yue) Cao - Mewbourne School of Petroleum & Geological Engineering
Melissa Howe - College of Architecture
Shannon Hudzinski - OU Federal Credit Union
Geri Rowden - Political Science
Mona Springfield - National Weather Center
Heather Todd - Gaylord College of Journalism
Mary Jo Watson - School of Art & Art History

2013-14
UWA Board Officers & Committees

Honorary President, Molly Shi Boren

Appointed by President
President M’Liss Graham
President-Elect Judy Smith
Vice President Judy Grillot
Secretary Kay Floyd
Treasurer Cathy Brister
Budget (MAL) Michelle Harper
Nominating Barbara Schindler

Appointed by President
Friendship Chair Melanie Wilburn
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Historian Margaret Smith
Interest Groups Chair Barbara Schindler
Membership Chair Cathy Brister
Parliamentarian LaDonna Sullivan
Communication Team Gina Petruccelli
Spring Luncheon Diane Rubin

Standing Committees
Advisory Chair Jann Knotts
Scholarship Chair Jann Knotts
Audit Chair Michelle Harper

New Leadership

OU Gardens Tour

May 14, 2013

Spring tour of the OU Gardens guided by Molly Shi Boren

Our deepest gratitude goes to Molly Boren, who graciously hosted a walking tour of the beautiful gardens at Boyd House and all around the OU campus. Alan King also accompanied the tour, sharing his expertise as OU Landscape & Grounds Director. The flowers and plants were absolutely beautiful, especially Molly’s favorite spot, the Rose Sharp Rose Garden. Forty-two ladies had the opportunity of experiencing the warm and gracious friendship of OU’s “First Lady.”
Did you know that you can support the UWA Scholarship Fund in the form of an estate bequest, memorial, or personal gift?

The following people have given scholarship fund contributions since June 1. Our scholarship recipients greatly appreciate your gifts.

- Donna Abraham
- Mary Frances Albert
- Krysta Bruehl
- Linda Chiido
- Juanitta Goins
- Marcia Goodman
- Margorie Greer
- Judy Grillot
- Adele Hoving
- Jann Knotts
- Marilyn Korhonen
- Alice Mathewson
- Barbara Morris
- Peggy Pappas
- Linda Pursley
- Francis Sabatini
- Mona Springfield
- Joanne Stoy
- Ann Swank
- Linda Tiller
- Mary Cae Woodfin

Congratulations Yelka Weaver

We celebrate with Yelka Weaver her achievement of completing all the requirements and taking her oath for United States citizenship, on April 26, 2013. Though a native citizen of the United Kingdom, Yelka grew up on St. Helena Island, where her father had an import business. She came to Norman in 1988, where her future husband was a professor at OU. Yelka is Chair of our Contemporary Book Club and also helps with the Communications Team.

Shannon Hudzinski, is the new President and Chief Executive Officer at OU Federal Credit Union. Shannon is an innovative and progressive operations expert with proven ability to drive business, enhance services, and improve customer experiences. She is a visionary leader and skilled writer with expertise authoring business plans, marketing documents, policy manuals, and training materials. Looks like we need to sign her up for our Communications Team!

UWA is proud of our Parliamentarian, LaDonna Sullivan. She holds the position of Assistant to the Director of The Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center. LaDonna is responsible for strategic planning and budgets, office management, and special events. We can look forward to enjoying her skills at our Spring Luncheon.

Dr. Mary Jo Watson, Director of the School of Art and Art History.

Mary Jo is a world renowned authority on Native American Art History. It is a rare opportunity to receive one of Mary Jo’s award winning presentations.

Our UWA Walking Group knows how to turn exercise into a fun adventure, as they explore all the nooks and crannies of the OU campus, along with beautiful Oklahoma parks and locations.

Members of the Luncheon Group enjoy delicious homemade dishes in some of Norman’s most beautiful homes.

A delicious hamburger from Miers, OK, adds to the fun.
CONGRATULATIONS

At our Spring luncheon, Janet Crain, Scholarship Chair, and committee member Jann Knotts introduced our five $1500 scholarship winners: (L to R) Shayna Orr (Landscape Architecture), Brooke Lacy (Musical Theatre), Kyra Wharton (Musical Theatre), Shannon Sanderford (Journalism), and Kathryn Rawdon (Social Work).

SHAYNA ORR

Shayna’s scholarship is given in honor of Molly Shi Boren, who so graciously guided our spring OU Gardens tour. Shayna is working in Los Angeles with the internationally acclaimed Hargraves L.A. firm, specializing in Zoo Design. Shayna is a Norman North graduate. She has an OU Bachelor’s degree in Zoology, with minors in Botany and Spanish. In December, Shayna will receive her Master’s degree in Landscape Architecture and hopes to continue working on zoo designs.

KATHRYN RAWDON

Kathryn, an OU senior from Yukon, OK, will graduate in Spring 2014 with a Bachelor degree in Social Work, and having a 4.0 GPA. She is a recognized leader and organizer in her college. Kathryn plans to immediately pursue her Masters degree, graduating in Spring 2015. Kathryn writes, “The UWA scholarship has helped tremendously with my financial ability to reach my goals, paying for my books and a portion of the OU tuition. It is appreciated more than you can possibly know.”

SHANNON SANDERFORD

Shannon is an OU senior from Coppell, Texas, majoring in advertising. She hopes to use her advertising skills in a large-scale retail business. Shannon says, “Thank you, UWA, for your financial help which will enable me to focus on my studies without the necessity of a job to support my education. As an advertising student, I spend long hours at our Gaylord College of Mass Communications, working on projects and presentations, as well as in our student-run agency. You are such a blessing.”

KYRA WHARTON

Kyra is a senior from Hoover, Alabama. At OU, she has kept a 3.88 GPA as she studies for a Bachelor degree in Fine Arts, as well as a minor in Chinese Languages. Kyra can speak and sing in Chinese, too. Kyra’s professor writes, “She has a breath-taking innate understanding of music, is a great student, a talented actor, and a vivacious young lady.” In this fall’s OU Theatre production of the Broadway musical, Carousel, Kyra will be starring as Nettie Fowler. She would love for us to come see her performance.

BROOKE LACY

Brooke is an OU senior from Overland Park, Kansas who is working on a Bachelor degree in Fine Arts and maintaining a 3.94 GPA! Since a young age, Brooke has loved performing in musicals, also developing choreography skills. Brooke says, “Thanks to UWA, I will continue to grow and push past boundaries or obstacles which could keep me from reaching my full potential, in my last year at OU. Please come see our production of Carousel, where I will be playing Julie Jordan.”

This year’s Fine Arts scholarships are given in honor of Linda Tiller, retired Director of Development at OU Weitzenhoffer Family College of Fine Arts.
## Interest Groups Chair  -  Barbara Schindler  321-1354

Special Interest Groups give us 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!!!

### Books-Contemporary:
- Meets eight times a year on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.
- Chair: Yelka Weaver 364-9161 623-9871 (c)

### Books-Eclectic:
- Meets eight times a year on the second Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m.
- Chair: Mary Carpenter 321-4667

### Bunco Squad:
- Meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- Chair: Sandy Foster 573-6959 795-1304 (c)

### Investment Club:
- Individual commitment: $750.00 to join and $50.00 per month.
- Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m., at Southwest Securities Bldg., 704 Wall St.
- Chair: Jan Schwarzkopf 364-3893 937-570-6286 (c)

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

### Salad Luncheon:
- Meets on the first Tuesday of the month, in a different home each month.
- Chair: Janet Crain 321-8184 229-3794 (c)

### Sooners Adventurers:
- Meets occasionally through-out the year for visits on/off campus.
- Chair: Carol White 801-2502

### Walking Shoes:
- Usually meets on a Mondays in different places and times.
- Chair: Janet Crain 321-8184 229-3794 (c)