Dear Friends,

Welcome to another exciting season with the University Women's Association. UWA has been a University of Oklahoma Tradition since 1949 and continues to provide opportunities for university women to promote friendships, advance the interests of the University, and raise funds in support of our annual scholarships.

Opportunities begin with the Registration Event quickly followed by events in December, February and April. Our challenge this year has been to measure up to last year (never follow Barbara Starling and her great board!). However, I think you will be surprised and pleased with the upcoming activities planned by your 2008-09 UWA board. Stay tuned.

Attend at least one of the many different interest group activities. You will have instant new friends!

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Membership Registration Event
October 5, 2-4 p.m., Fred Jones, Jr. Museum of Art

Our incredible beginning!

On Sunday, October 5th, UWA members have the privilege of being among the first in the U.S. to see and hear about “American Artists from the Russian Empire,” an international exhibit exploring early 20th Century Russian Immigrant Art. The focus is on Russian artists who settled and worked in the U.S. and became well-known “American” artists.

Watch for your invitation for this registration event to be held from 2:00–4:00 p.m. at the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art, on the southeast corner of Boyd and Elm Street.

From 2:00–3:00 p.m. you can register, enjoy light refreshments, and choose your favorite interest groups.

At 3:00 p.m. we have the honor of hearing Ghislain D'Humieres, director of the museum. He will give us an overview of the museum’s plans and discuss the new exhibit.

Free parking is available across the street in the Elm Street parking garage where handicapped parking is near the elevator on all levels.

We look forward to welcoming new members and greeting familiar friends. We encourage you to bring a potential member to the event.

Janet Crain, President-Elect, 321-8184
Judith Evans, Vice-President, 329-4138

Enclosed with your October 5th invitation is a completed registration form from last year’s directory data. Please review for accuracy, mark corrections, and return with your $25 check for UWA 2008-09 dues. Thanks!
Dorothy Brinker—UWA charter member

Dorothy Brinker was charter member of UWA in 1949 and is still very active in UWA and several other groups in Norman. She graduated from high school in Oklahoma City and then worked her way through OU at 25 cents an hour. She finished with a one year teaching certificate and then taught high school English for 2 years before returning to OU to finish her certification.

She got a job in the Administration building while attending school and walked every day past a boarding house on Boyd Street, where the Baptist Student Union now sits. One day she asked about getting a meal ticket at the boarding house and met her husband.

She and Paul Brinker have now been married 59 years. He taught Economics for 39 years in the College of Business. Dorothy worked 5 years in the Administration building where she had to walk 3 flights of stairs each day. George Cross was OU president at the time.

There have been many changes in Norman in the last 59 or so years. She said she remembers the murals that Olinka Hrdy had painted around the university in the 1930s. Unfortunately, these paintings are now gone. She recalls when she and her husband moved to Melrose Drive, it was the edge of town and there was a cornfield at the end of the street.

Dorothy no longer drives but is very happy with the CART system of transportation here in Norman. She goes to the Veterans Center often to visit her husband and CART transports her where she needs to go and only ask donations of $1. Paul had knee replacement two years ago that went badly and his leg was amputated. He now lives at the Veterans Center where he partakes of the activities there including playing cards. Dorothy says it is a wonderful facility. They have 2 daughters, one who teaches in Norman and the other who works in Albuquerque.

—Based on an interview by Janet Crain

Interest Groups

Antiques Group: This group meets every-other month on the fourth Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. It’s been called the Antique Roadshow up close and personal! Contact: Sue Harrington at 329-6932

Books-Contemporary: The Contemporary Book group meets eight times a year on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Check out “Books & Friends” elsewhere in the newsletter for more information. Contact: Juanitta Goins at 321-7934

Books-Eclectic: This group meets eight times a year on the second Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Check out “Books & Friends” elsewhere in the newsletter for more information. Contact: Mary Carpenter at 321-4667

Bunco Squad: The Bunco Squad has a long history of fun only as Starla can do it! The Squad meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Contact: Starla Boyd at 329-5217 or 205-0681

Gallery Talks: Past President, Barbara Starling, has a passion for art and a way of making it personal. The group meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month from Noon - 1:15 p.m. at the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art. Contact: Barbara Starling at 740-7322 (Gallery Talks in Oct-Jan-Feb-Mar)

Investment Club: The Investment Club is another long-standing group that appears to have a knack for making the right moves at the right time – not an easy thing to do lately. It will cost you $750.00 to join and $50.00 per month. The Club meets the second Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. Contact: Janet Snow at 364-2946

Out-to-Lunch Bunch: This group meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. at various restaurants for a culinary experience and good conversation. Contact: Regina McNabb at 364-9278

Salad Luncheon: This group meets on the first Tuesday of the month in a member’s home. The Salad Group is very popular for those who enjoy the variety of dishes that can be classified as a salad. Contact: Janet Crain at 321-8184

New Sooners & Adventurers: This group meets three-four times during the academic year and visits sites on/off campus. We currently need a volunteer to be the contact person. Would you be the leader for just one of the adventures? Contact: Juanitta Goins at 321-7934
Interest Group Gatherings :-)

Books and Friends...

UWA offers two book groups for member participation—the day-time group, The Eclectic Book Group, and the night-time group, The Contemporary Book Group. Members volunteer to be the hostess (provide the home), the co-hostess (provide light refreshments) or the reviewer (lead the book discussion and provide author information).

You are welcome to attend, even if you have not read the book! There is a short social time prior to the book review to meet and greet new friends and old.

Eclectic Book Group meets eight times a year (excluding September, December, July & August) at 1:00 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The books voted to review during the upcoming year are: Love Over Scotland: 44 Scotland Street Series, Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised our Nation, The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid, A Room of One’s Own, Outlander
Chair-Mary Carpenter 321-4667, mfpcarp@hotmail.com

Contemporary Book Group meets eight times a year (excluding December, May, June & July) at 7:30 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. The group selected the following books for this year’s reading list: A Thousand Splendid Suns, Anne of Green Gables, Three Cups of Tea, The Devil in the White City, The Opposite of Fate, The Plague of Doves, Queen Noor, The Power of Kindness, No Ordinary Time
Chair-Juanitta Goins 321-7934 bobgoins@cox.net

Salad Luncheons

Our first luncheon will be noon, Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at Diane Rubin’s, 2557 Hollywood Avenue; phone: 321-0797. (South of Lindsey, west of Berry Road.) Loy Corder will be her co-hostess, 943-2389. Please call Loy if you would like to attend and call Janet Crain, 321-8184, to be added to our contact list.

Our luncheons are on the first Tuesday of the month: Oct. 7, Diane Rubin’s; Nov. 4, Donna Reynolds; Dec. 2, Doris Whinery’s; Feb. 3, March 3, April 7 and May 5 with addresses to be announced later.

We look forward to new members this year. Please join us at noon for great food and fellowship!

Janet Crain, 321-8184 sooner6000@aol.com

BUNCO Squad

2nd Wednesday

Our first gathering will be Wednesday, October 8th at my house, 725 Meadow Ridge Rd., 7 - 9 p.m. I’ll provide snacks for that 1st meeting and liquid refreshment for ALL the meetings. I’ll have a sign-up sheet for goodie bringing for the remainder of the bunco season.

Another idea for our evening is to just have a $3 donation to the cause to be divided among the 5 players who get the most WINS, LOSSES, BUNCOS, MINI-BUNCOS and LAST BUNCO. [That way, I won’t have to go shopping for those silly, useless gifts!]

Starla Boyd, 205-0681 or 329-5217, daniel.boyd@cox.net

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

Out-to-Lunch Bunch meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 11:30 AM. The Bunch visits various restaurants throughout Norman. We enjoy good food and great company. Our first stop for this year will be on September 24th at Chili’s on Ed Noble Parkway. Hope to see you around the table.

Regina McNabb, 325-3810, rmcnabb@ou.edu
Scholarship Winners
Lindsay Schwak and Amy Lindesmith pose with Barbara Starling, past president, (middle) at the UWA Style Show & Luncheon, May 2, 2008. The two students received our UWA scholarships and modelled in the show. The girls also performed in “Anything Goes.” The musical was our scholarship fund raiser with a fabulous champaign party before the final dress rehearsal, April 23, 2008 organized by Donna Abraham and Elaine Kumin.