Hello Sooner Sisters!

Our UWA organization has a 61 year history of promoting friendship and fellowship, raising scholarship funds and advancing the interests of the University. Let’s help many more deserving students finance a great OU education.

So ladies, are you up for a challenge? My goal is to add 100 new members and award (5) five scholarships at our luncheon next spring. We will give 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes to the UWA members who bring in the most new members.

Contest Rules

› Contest begins now and runs through October 31st, 2010
› Referring member’s name must be listed on the membership form
› Prospective members are female faculty & staff and wives of faculty & staff
› Prospective associate members (OU Alumnus)
› Make copies of the enclosed Membership Form as your recruiting tool.

Thank you for your past support and I look forward to serving as your president.

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Watch the mail for your invitation to our UWA Annual Fall Registration Event
Sunday, September 19, 2010
2:00-4:00 p.m.
ExxonMobil Lawrence G. Rawl Engineering Practice Facility
NW corner of Felgar and Jenkins on the OU campus

Parking is located both east and south of Sarkeys Energy Center. Going east on Boyd St., turn right (south) onto Trout Ave and right again onto University Place. There is a parking lot on the left, the right or straight ahead.

Choose your favorite interest groups, enjoy some refreshments, mingle with friends and tour this interesting building.

The College of Engineering celebrates 100 years on campus this year and Associate Dean, Dr. P. Simin Pulat has a great story to tell.

We look forward to meeting new members and greeting familiar faces, Sept.19th at the Rawls.
Dear University Women’s Association,

Thank you so much for this honor. A year ago I did not know if I would be able to return to OU because of my financial situation. Now I am certain I will finish my degree and fulfill my dream of becoming an actress and working in the theater. You are quite literally keeping me here at OU and making my dreams come true.

I sincerely thank you.

Sincerely,
Courtney Kimbrough

To the Ladies of the University of Oklahoma Women’s Association,

What an honor it was to have been chosen as the recipient of your organization’s scholarship honoring OU First Lady Cleo Cross. I thank you for the kindness and generosity you showed my mother and me at the luncheon. I plan on using some of the funds to apply to the graduate program in the field of Religious Studies. I look forward to continuing my education and reaching my goals.

It is individuals like you who enable students like myself to come to OU, grow as human beings, learn about ourselves and one another, and to change for the better. With financial support and recognition that we are making a difference in the world, you foster the continued academic integrity our nation needs.

Sincerely,

Jillian Chance

Michel Cross, daughter-in-law, presented the Cleo Cross Scholarship to Jillian Chance, a Religious Studies major in the College of Arts & Sciences.

Dear University Women’s Association,

Thank you for your generosity and inspiring acts of kindness. You have invested in many lives, and my life is one of them. There are many students who desire to learn, yearn to achieve more. And they are able to fulfill their dreams with your encouragement and financial help.

The UWA scholarship is not only financial help; it is an honor to be considered a scholarship recipient. I will strive to be a woman and leader who promotes the characteristics of every UWA member. I hope to make a difference in someone’s life like you all have made in mine.

The first ladies for whom the scholarships are named are perfect role models. I look forward to keeping in touch with my scholarship dedicate, Mrs. Rose Sharp.

Boomer Sooner!

Chinh Doan

OU First Lady Rose Sharp (1971-1978) presented the Rose Sharp Scholarship to Chinh Doan, a Journalism major in the Gaylord College of Journalism & Mass Communications.

Katie Pursley, Juanitta Goins and Barbara Starling (far right) presented the Molly Shi Boren Scholarship to Courtney Kimbrough, a Drama major in the Weitzenhoffer Family College of Fine Arts.

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Dear Janet [Crain, Past President],

I can’t remember when I have been made to feel so special. I appreciated each and every one who helped “make my day.” Please know I felt good from the front door when I was met and escorted to my table, to the lovely corsage made by M’Liss Graham, the bountiful lunch, to the fun of getting to be at Mrs. Sharp’s table (Rose to me). It will be fun to see some of the pictures that were taken, especially of the past presidents. I saw so many friends of long ago. It was especially nice to see what the Scholarship Fund has developed into. To think that three $1500 scholarships were given. You made this “little 94-year-old lady” very happy.

I thank you for returning my luncheon check, what a nice thing to do. I am sending a check for $500 to the OU Foundation, made out to UWA Scholarship Fund honoring President Janet Crain and her 2009-2010 Board. It is great to see new young people carry on the tradition that Mrs. Sharp spoke of May 7th. Thank you so much, Mildred Cella

Erma Stewart IS “Eleanor Roosevelt” at May 7th Luncheon

Thank you, Helen, for recommending me to the UWA. I enjoyed them very much. I began researching Eleanor Roosevelt after I retired as media director at Edmond Memorial High School in 1997. My first performance was May 1998. Since then, I have presented over 200 performances in six states, and on vacations in the Panama Canal, Nova Scotia, and Sartre, France.

My undergraduate degree is from Missouri State University, my MA from OU, with additional studies at UCO. I have served as a classroom teacher and as a media director.

I am the mother of three children, four grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. There are many favorite lines from Eleanor. One is: “I wasn’t worried about someone finding dirt under the White House rug. My fear was that persons would be swept under the national rug due to injustice!” Erma Stewart

INTEREST GROUPS FOR EVERYONE: DORIS HINSON, (405) 321-6203

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: Ann Hamilton, 321-5587

Books-Contemporary: The Contemporary Book group meets eight times a year on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. 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. Contact: Mary Carpenter at 321-4667

Bunco Squad: The Squad meets on the third Wednesday of the month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Contact: Starla Boyd for lots of fun at 329-5217 or 205-0681

Investment Club: This long-standing group has a knack for the market. 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 Crain at 321-8184 or 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. Would you plan and lead an adventure? Contact: Juanitta Goins, 321-7934
Our 60th Anniversary Luncheon held May 7 was enjoyed by 117 members and guests and what a marvelous day we shared. Everything was fantastic: the flowers, the food, the friendships!

Three $1500 scholarships were presented to OU students by former OU First Lady Rose Sharp, Cleo Cross’ daughter-in-law, Michel Cross, and by UWA’s three immediate past presidents. See photos on page 2.

Mrs. Sharp expressed her enjoyment of all the UWA activities over the years and how important UWA has been in the lives of new women on campus.

We also honored two charter members, Mildred Cella and Dorothy Brinker. They are so delightful and have many good University memories. Mrs. Cella presented a $500 donation for our scholarship fund. UWA and the scholarship recipients appreciate her generosity.

Our guest speaker was “Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt,” portrayed by Erma Stewart. Several of our members actually saw “the” Mrs. Roosevelt when she visited Norman in 1960!

Again, a big thank you to all of the board members who helped make our 60th year a great success.

Janet Crain, Past President, 2009-10