Janet’s Joys
The year has certainly gone fast and has been a lot of fun. Being president was not a hard job because of all the great board members.
The fundraiser was a wonderful success and I thank all who attended as well as worked. Cyndy Adams and Mary Thomas did a marvelous job and I look forward to seeing another interesting play next year. The School of Drama is certainly a wonderful benefit to OU and Norman.
Our last major event will be the Spring Luncheon to be held on May 7th. We will have the delightful Eleanor Roosevelt a.k.a., Erma Stewart, to entertain us! I hope that you are able to be there to also welcome our new board members, who are listed in this newsletter.
Thanks for your support this year and see you May 7th!
—Janet Crain, President 2009-2010
Mary Joyce Rodgers

UWA lost one of its longtime members on March 21, 2010, when Mary Joyce Rodgers died of cancer at the age of 85. During her almost 60 year’s involvement with UWA, Mary Joyce served in many board capacities from President to Friendship Chair. She wrote the history of UWA in “Fifty Golden Years with University Women.” It was also with Mary Joyce’s leadership in the 1950s that the UWA by-laws were modified so that membership would not be limited exclusively to women faculty and wives of faculty but would be open to women staff and wives of staff.

Mary Joyce graduated from Davidson, Oklahoma High School at age 16; attended Oklahoma College for Women in Chickasha for two years; then graduated from OU with a degree in journalism. Norman became home when she met and married Lee Rodgers; became a role model homemaker and mother of four. In 1981, Mary Joyce returned to OU; earned her Masters of Social Work; and spent the next 16 years as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker at OUHSC.

On April 9th, Mary Joyce and Lee would have celebrated their 62nd anniversary. They were blessed with four children, eight grandchildren, and a multitude of friends. During her lifetime, and into retirement, her passion for serving others was realized through her love and devotion for her family, community, and especially her church for which she wrote the three histories of McFarlin Memorial United Methodist, for the 50th, 75th, and 85th anniversaries.

Thank you Mary Joyce for your leadership and service to UWA.  

By Juanitta Goins

Barbara Beth Mathis

Barbara Beth Mathis, a half-century UWA member, died in Lovingston, Virginia on February 7, 2010 at the age of 84. A memorial service will be held at McFarlin Methodist Church on June 4 at 2:00 p.m. with reception following. Barbara, a former UWA board member, had remained active in the Contemporary Book Group until last fall when she went to the East Coast for what she hoped would be a short medical treatment. Instead, the University of Virginia Medical Center diagnosed her illness as a rare and debilitating ailment from which she did not recover.

Being the daughter of a university professor, education was an important and normal part of her life. Barbara graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University with a degree in English; met and married Russell Mathis in 1947; and when the couple moved to Norman in 1962, she created a university household for her own family. With two growing sons and Russell established as professor of music, Barbara returned to her studies—this time earning a Masters in Library Science from OU.

Barbara was a multi-tasker. While raising a family, she joined the university workforce eventually becoming the head of the OU Journalism Library; she was a member of the Cleveland County Library Board, VP of Friends of the Norman Library, on the board of CASA, active in her Alpha Gamma Delta sorority, and a faithful member and volunteer of McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church.

On July 31, Barbara and Russell would have celebrated their 63rd anniversary. They were blessed with two children, two grandchildren, and many friends. Thank you Barbara for your mentoring and service to UWA.

By Juanitta Goins
**TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD**

**Fundraiser a great success!**

A big thank-you to all who attended the Feb. 12th “UWA Desserts and Champagne” fundraiser this year. We had 190 people attend even though it snowed all day! We made $4,083 in profit for our Foundation Account which we use for our scholarships each year. The play, “To Kill a Mockingbird”, was absolutely exceptional! Hard to give it enough adjectives. What a great evening for just $20!

Co-Chairs Cyndy Adams and Mary Thomas were very appreciative with the great attendance, those who contributed and could not attend and the great cooperation we received from Sandra Bent, Linda Tiller and the School of Drama. Rather than catering, our board did the preparations. We are all grateful for the help of M’Liss Graham, Juanitta Goins, Judy Smith, Sonya Fallgater, Tish Marek, Margaret Smith, Doris Hinson, and all the interest chairs who helped sell tickets.

We got a discount for the wine from the Spirit Shop and Republic Bank helped us with the tickets so please say thanks if you are in either of those places.

—Janet Crain, President

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**SCHOLARSHIPS**

**UWA to Award Scholarships May 7th**

The University of Oklahoma Women’s Association will award three scholarships of $1,500 each to qualified OU students in specific academic areas that have assisted the organization this year. To commemorate UWA’s sixtieth year, the scholarships will honor OU First Ladies.

Scholarships will be given to a student in the School of Drama, recognizing Molly Shi Boren; the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication, recognizing Rose Sharp; and the Religious Studies Program, recognizing Cleo Cross.

Recipients will be selected based on their academic ability and high standards of personal conduct, with consideration for financial need. Students must apply through their academic unit. Although UWA is a women’s group, men are eligible for its scholarships. Those selected will be recognized at UWA’s spring banquet, May 7, 2010.

—Katie Pursley, Scholarships

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**Wins, Losses, Minis...B U N C O ! ! !**

The Bunco Chicks meet at 7:00 pm the 3rd Wednesday of the month at Starla Boyd’s house, 725 Meadow Ridge Road. To join the fun, call.

Current Bunco members: Charlotte Bert, Starla Boyd, Stephanie Burge, Janet Crain, Molly Emery, Sonya Fallgater, Tammy George, Michelle Harper, Joyce Keller, Katie Pursley, Mary Sigal, Mary Thomas, and Carol Woodham.

—Starla Boyd, Bunco Chair, 329-5217

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Jann Knotts, Juanitta Goins and Katie Pursley greeted folks at Rupel Jones Theater, 2/12/2010. It was a lovely evening.
The REAL Eleanor Roosevelt shaking hands with OU president, Dr. George Lynn Cross, and the REAL Cleo Cross making the introduction. Photo provided by Michele Cross (Cleo’s daughter-in-law). “I was only asking Michele for a photo of Cleo for our newsletter...but we had a great time searching albums from many years ago,” Barbara Starling said.

Time for New Officers

To be Elected by Membership May 7, 2010

Honorary President   Molly Shi Boren
President            Jann Knotts
President Elect     Joyce Keller
Vice President      Michelle Harper
Secretary           Sarah Hall
Treasurer           Cyndy Adams
Budget-Memb-At-Large Karin Ford
Nominating Committee Mary Thomas

Board Members/Appointed by President

Membership            M’Liss Graham
Interest Groups       Doris Hinson
Newsletter Editor     Helen Duchon
Directory Editor       Beth Gatewood
Fund Raiser Chairman  Sonya Fallgatter
Spring Event          Diane Rubin
Publicity             Margaret Smith
Parliamentarian       Tish Marek
Historian             Barbara Starling
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                      The REAL Cleo Cross
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Officers and Interest Groups.
Tickets are available from
May 7th Spring Luncheon.
Call today for Tickets to our
Spring Event.

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