Janet’s Joys
The Christmas blizzard is over and we can look forward to two exciting spring events.
First, our UWA Champagne and Desserts Scholarship Fundraiser on February 11. This will be another fabulous event thanks to many hard working officers, especially co-chairs, Cyndy Adams and Mary Thomas!
Second, our Spring Luncheon will be held on Friday, May 7th, from 11:30 – 1:30. We will have the entertaining “Eleanor Roosevelt” speak as well as officer installation and recognition of our two remaining charter members, Mildred Cella and Dorothy Brinker. It will be the close of our 60th year of work at OU, and we hope, the beginning of another 60 wonderful years!
Officer nominations for 2010-2011 will be sought in March. Sarah Hall will host our open April board meeting for members to vote on new officers. If you would like to volunteer for any office please let me know!
Thanks again for all your help and support this year.
Janet Crain, President 2009-2010

UWA Scholarship Fundraiser Feb. 11th
Champagne & Chocolates “To Kill a Mockingbird”

Please mark your calendar for Thursday, February 11th, 7 p.m., for another fabulous Champagne and Chocolates Scholarship Fundraiser. We will be starting the evening with a reception at 7 p.m. in the Rupel Jones Theatre Lobby and then move to the Weitzenhoffer Theatre for open seating at the 8:00 p.m. Preview Night for “To Kill a Mockingbird”. Come for a memorable evening.
Tickets are available from UWA Board Members and interest group chairs or from the co-chairs, Cyndy Adams (405-370-3449) and Mary Thomas (405-292-7711). Your $20 donation is 100% tax deductible if your check is made payable to the OU Foundation. Your support of this event will help fund three scholarships UWA will award to outstanding OU students this year.

Directories are ready!
Former OU First Lady Rose Sharp said that reviewing the directory had given her a delightful afternoon recalling special UWA friendships! If you do not have your copy, please pick up at Interest Groups or at the Feb 11th event. If you need it delivered, please call Janet Crain, 321-8184.
Recently I had lunch with two of our charter members, Mildred Cella and Dorothy Brinker. They are a treasure of information with newspaper clippings and letters they have kept about UWA and Norman during the past 60 years.

Mildred had the original letter sent out on September 1, 1949, inviting ladies to come to an afternoon tea in the lounge of the Women’s Quadrangle from the organizing chair, Guldborg Snyder. Dorothy said that the idea of a University women’s club was from Mrs. Leonard Snyder, wife of the new dean of the Graduate College.

Both ladies talked about how much dressier ladies were, wearing their Sunday best to football games and long formals and gloves to events. There was a monthly meeting in the Faculty House (located north and west of the Boyd House) where ladies could come for tea and conversation. Meetings were also held at the Pilot’s Lounge on North Campus. They often met at the OU president’s home.

In looking over previous programs there have been many different interest groups, e.g., Cooking, Gourmet, Couples Bridge and Ladies Bridge, Bridge Lessons, Aerobics, Ceramics, Home Arts, Swimming, Golf, Bowling, Yoga, Knitting, Sewing, Moms and Tots, Frugal Gourmet, Oklahoma Adventures, Wine and Cheese, Movie Group, Computer Group, and a very interesting group called History’s Mysteries. In 1990 the Sewing Group had 26 members!

Articles from the past showed teas held at the president’s home and dances at the Student Union. There have been two UWA cookbooks. Dorothy has the 1972 UWA cookbook and remembers most of the contributors. (Barbara Henderson was chair; Helen Duchon & Mary Marshall did the illustrations.)

In 1979, UWA celebrated the UWA 30th birthday with a membership event at the Lloyd Noble Arena. Later Mrs. Rose Sharp gave a fascinating talk to UWA concerning women’s lives outside the U.S. The board that year was Nancy Block, Past President; Carol Goss, President; Karen Thomas, President-Elect; Judy Barrett, Vice President; Sharon Garcia, Secretary; and Barbara Rasmussen, Treasurer. Board members were: Mary Buhite, Freida Depe, Ann Radovich, Camilla Secrest, Phyllis Hill, Salva Gabert, Glenda Ray, Jean McCune, Nancy Chess, Sue Francis, Carol Renner, Karen Thomas, Marsha Ferrier, Cheryl Etheridge, Velma Appl, Hilda McKibbin, Astrid Ivask, Helen Duchon, Karyn Gilman, Barbara Starling, Pramod Nanda, Margaret Clark, Ordele Robeson, Latane Roberts, Brit Wisniewski, and Mary Joyce Rodgers.

In 1989 UWA celebrated their 40th birthday with many interesting events, including an OU Histo-facts Event. The officers that year were: President Frankie Morton; President Elect, Patsy Klingstedt; Vice President, Celia Mae Bryant; Secretary, Freddie Livesay; and Treasurer, Mildred Cella. The board consisted of: Michele Tersine, Opal Hunek, Peg Sack, Virginia Morris, Judi Knapp, Helen Duchon, Esther Ciereszko, Roberta White, Marynette Ruffin, Latane Roberts, Emily Parker, Eilene Kleine, Kathleen Kerchen, Peggy Pappas, Iris Groten, Virginia Lusch, Marie Long, and Frankie Morton. Many of these ladies are still active in UWA.

In 1999, there were nine ladies honored who had been members in 1949: Nancy Bavinger, Sarah Reese, Esther Ciereszko, Fran Porter, Mildred Cella, Dorothy Brinker, Frieda Bambas, Jane Huffman, Francis Fowler and Gretchen Lowsley. As far as I know, Esther, Mildred and Dorothy are the only ones still living and we have been unable to contact Esther.

—Janet Crain, President
Holiday Event with Barbara

On December 13th we had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Barbara Boyd discuss a very interesting and entertaining comparison of the two birth narratives found in the Bible. The two new testament books, Matthew and Luke, each tell a different account of what happened in Bethlehem.

Dr. Boyd explained that the stories were written for different audiences and she provided a historical explanation for these differences. Dr. Boyd has been a Biblical scholar for many years and has also lived in the middle east. Not only is she extremely knowledgeable but she is also very humorous in her delivery. Everyone enjoyed her discussion.

Kathy Adams, assistant to Dr. Joe Foote, Dean of the Journalism College, was there to host us and show us around the beautiful Gaylord Journalism Building. A big thank you to them for their hospitality.

Janet was worried about cold weather so she was ready with gallons and gallons of hot apple cider and tasty treats. We were surprised with 70 degree weather and a very nice afternoon.

—Jann G. Knotts, CPA, CFP, CFS, President-Elect

MAY 7—UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

Don’t miss UWA’s special guest at the May 7th Installation Luncheon

Hint: Her initials are E. R.

INTEREST GROUPS

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Antique Group: Ann Hamilton 321-5587 and Loy Corder, 943-2389
Books- Contemporary: Juanitta Goins 321-7934
Books- Eclectic: Mary Carpenter 321-4667
Bunco Squad: Starla Boyd, 329-5217
Investment club: Jane Barrett: 329-6851
Out-to lunch bunch: Regina McNabb: 364-9278
Salad Luncheon: Janet Crain, 321-8184
New Sooners and Adventurers: Juanitta Goins 321-7934

Thinking of...

Donna Reynolds’ husband Richard, passed Dec. 22, 2009. Memorial service was Jan. 9, 2010. Richard was recruited in 1972 to help start the dental college for OU.

Linda Slatt continues her battle with autoimmune disease.

Helen Duchon’s husband Claude had heart ablation surgery, Jan. 22 and is doing well.

Barbara Mathis is receiving assisted care at 1320 Branchlands Drive, #2H, Charlottesville, VA 22901. Phone: (434) 202-8251; cell: (405) 381 8589

Mary Joyce Rodgers is recovering from surgery.

Judy Smith, our treasurer, is recovering very nicely from hip replacement surgery.
Greg Mortenson, author of *Three Cups of Tea*
Public Lecture at OU April 22, 2010, 10 - 11:30 a.m.
Venue: TBA based on number of people who want to come
Reserve tickets at [http://www.eventbrite.com/event/448141403](http://www.eventbrite.com/event/448141403)

Greg Mortenson is the co-founder of nonprofit Central Asia Institute [www.ikat.org](http://www.ikat.org), Pennies For Peace, [www.penniesforpeace.org](http://www.penniesforpeace.org), and co-author of #1 New York Times bestseller *Three Cups of Tea*, [www.threecupsoftea.com](http://www.threecupsoftea.com) His latest book is *Stones into Schools*.

For updates see [www.ou.edu/coe/centennial](http://www.ou.edu/coe/centennial) Contact Karen Kelly, 325-9037 for accommodations; Helen Duchon, 329-2485 or <hduchon@cox.net> for tickets; Mary Frances, <mary.francis@cox.net> about Pennies for Peace-Oklahoma.