From Our Co-Presidents

Greetings, UNO Women’s Club Members!
Carol and I want to wish you a Happy New Year! Hopefully you had a wonderful holiday and got to spend time with friends and family. We look forward to the opportunities that lay ahead of us in making a difference as UNO Women’s Club members.

We value and cherish the time that we have built in making friendships and connections while we are here at UNO. We like the quote from Louise Bernikow: “Female friendships that work are relationships in which women help each other belong to themselves.”

We find that we have strong connections among each other in our group. We are very grateful to be part of a fantastic organization that gives us the opportunity to meet new people, participate in events, provide scholarships to students as well as provide service to the University and the community.

Time is going quickly as we begin the second half of the 2016-17 academic year. A new year brings new opportunities and events. Our next event will be held on February 23rd; the UNO Theatre production of “The Guard” will be staged at the Weber Fine Arts Building. Please plan to attend and bring a friend or two! The invitation and R.S.V.P. details are on the next page.

While we are fortunate that we can enjoy the fellowship of one another through the various interest groups, we also want to provide community service to UNO as well. One of the ways we feel we can give to the students is by donating food to the UNO Maverick Food Pantry. We will be accepting donations during our February 23rd event. Amy Schindler has graciously agreed to deliver our donations to the pantry in the Community Engagement Center.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Co-Presidents this year. We are trying make a difference through our deeds. We end with a quote from James Freeman Clarke: “Seek to do good, and you will find that happiness will run after you.”

Monica Bayles and Carol Ebdon
UNOWC Co-Presidents

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UNO Theatre Presents

**The Guard**

Weber Fine Arts Building
Thursday, February 23, 2017
7:30 p.m.

Join the UNO Women’s Club for a performance of *The Guard* by Jessica Dickey, directed by Dr. Cindy Melby Phaneuf.

**Synopsis of *The Guard***:

A human and humane comedy - This comic drama about the permanence of art and the impermanence of life paints shimmering portraits of Rembrandt, Homer and those who protect the art we cherish. In a modern-day art museum where three individuals yearn to experience first-hand the wonder and glory of Rembrandt’s work, a museum guard decides to touch a famous Rembrandt painting. A remarkable journey across the ages ensues. "The Guard" movingly explores the power of creative expression and the sacrifices we make in the pursuit of love and beauty.

-From UNO’s Theatre Productions website.

Members will meet at the theatre at 6:30 p.m. for a director’s talk. The play begins at 7:30 p.m. R.S.V.P. to Amy Schindler (acschindler@unomaha.edu, 402-554-6046) by Thursday, February 16th, to guarantee a ticket. Tickets are $6 each.

*As part of a UNO Women’s Club service project to the campus, please bring a canned or dry food donation for UNO’s Maverick Food Pantry, which serves food insecure students and staff. For more information about the pantry, check out this link: [http://www.unomaha.edu/student-life/student-safety/help-myself/food-insecurity-support.php](http://www.unomaha.edu/student-life/student-safety/help-myself/food-insecurity-support.php)*
UNO Women’s Club Scholarships Open for Online Applications

The scholarship application portal for UNO Women’s Club 2017-2018 academic-year scholarships was opened up on our website on January 1. As of January 16, there were seven completed applications and seventeen applications in process.

The portal will remain open through April 30th. The committee will meet in May to choose the recipients for the coming academic-year scholarships.

The UNO Women’s Club awards more than $10,000 in scholarships each academic year. For details on the scholarships available, please visit the UNOWC Scholarship website at http://unomaha.edu/womens-club/scholarships.php.

2016-17 General Meeting Program Calendar

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All UNOWC Interest Groups

Each group meets several times a year. If you are interested in participating in any of these groups, contact the group’s leader.

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<td>Karen Garver</td>
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<td>Angelika Walker</td>
<td><a href="mailto:angelikawalker@unomaha.edu">angelikawalker@unomaha.edu</a></td>
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General Book Group

Meetings are the third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at members’ homes. For more information, contact Ann Newton, 402-556-5881, Ann-Newton@cox.net

This year’s books:

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Knitting & Crafts Group

Meetings are third Thursdays of the month from 5:00-6:30 p.m. at The Tea Smith in Tower Plaza, on 78th Street just north of Dodge Street. All crafters and tea lovers are welcome! For more information, contact Angelika Walker, 402-813-7957, angelikawalker@unomaha.edu.

2017 Meeting Dates:

February 16, 5:00 p.m.
March 16, 5:00 p.m.
April 20, 5:00 p.m.
UNOWC members tour Koraleski CABLab on October 6th

Very few labs in the U.S. have the kind of technology that can be found in the Jack and Stephanie Koraleski Commerce and Applied Behavior Lab in Mammel Hall. During the October 6th tour, a group of UNO Women’s Club members observed or participated in a demonstration of the technology used in website and computer application experiments conducted in the lab. The lab has a main room with five collaboration tables to write on and where survey-type studies are conducted. Two lab rooms contain kiosks with computer monitors and keyboards; one of those rooms has a two-way mirror for observing experiments. The staff employs students with IT and organizational behavior backgrounds with an interdisciplinary approach across campuses. According to the lab’s supervisor, Debbie O’Malley, “The lab helps students see a project from start to finish.”

All students attend Human Subjects Training before going to work in the lab. All studies are reviewed with Institutional Review Board. Some of the studies conducted so far in the Koraleski CABLab includes working with STRATCOM on online radicalization (ISIS) and physiological response to decision-making, strategy research for leadership. The lab uses a “biometric research platform” that simultaneously can capture eye movements, breathing, and heart rate. This allows the data to be analyzed almost immediately and comprehensively.

(Editors’ note: We received this thank you note from the CAB Lab Team after our tour of the facility in October.)

It was certainly our pleasure to have the UNO Women's Group as guests in the Koraleski Commerce and Applied Behavioral Laboratory (CABLab) yesterday. You are a fun and delightful group that asked great questions. The research that is being conducted in the Koraleski (CABLab) is very exciting and benefits our students, faculty and the community. Several of your members shared information about the many wonderful things that your group does to support the University of Nebraska Omaha. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated group. Keep up the good work!

Your interest and support of the Koraleski CABLab is very much appreciated. Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have further questions.

Debbie O’Malley
2016-17 UNO Women's Club Members

Fifty members have paid their dues as of January 18, 2017.

Camille Allen
Elaine Allen
Jean Bartek
Monica Bayles
Cathy Beck
Mary Bernier
Karen Bird
Anne Carroll
Jan Christensen
Laraine Conway
Carol Ebdon
Judith Gaeddert
Karen Garver
Jo Gilreath
Rose Mary Hefley
Rita Henry
Krystyn Kallhoff
Jennifer Katz
Wilma Kuhlman
Sue Kutschkau
Melissa Lorenzen
Sue Manley
Donna Masloski
Nicole Massara
Becky Means
Darlene Menard
Lori Mowrer
Ann Newton

Ann Olmsted
Marjorie O'Reilly
Cindy Osborne
Dorothy Patach
Gina Pearson
Inez Petrie
Janet Pol
Mary Lynn Reiser
Randall Roberts
Nicole Rosenau
Sheila Runyon
Amy Schindler
Jeannine Sindt
Claudie Sires
Deb Smith-Howell
Patsy Stradling
Angela Valle
Angelika Walker
Judith Welk
Charlene Wilcox

Do you know a woman who might like to join our club? Give or send them a copy of this newsletter. The Membership Form is on the next page. Or contact Membership Chair Mary Bernier.

A Tribute to A Devoted Couple

By Mary Bernier

Entering his room at Clarkson Hospital, I found Andre Pearson a shadow of the man I first met six years ago. Once a robust man who filled out his black track suit, his slender form now made his twin-sized hospital bed he lay upon look large. Surrounding his bed were his daughters, granddaughters, sisters, brothers and friends. Standing next to Andre was Gina, his wife, my friend, and a beloved member of our UNO Women’s Club.

Gina’s eyes were red from crying too many tears as she struggled to accept that her beloved husband would soon be taken from her. How do you say goodbye to a man whom you’ve loved for 40 years? She nurtured their children while at the same time she administered in-home dialysis to him and drove to the Mayo Clinic for his countless tests and treatments. “In sickness and in health” – were their vows when they married. True to those vows, she cared for Andre with grace, seldom complaining, always praying that he would get well.

Despite Andre’s frail appearance, his fervent spirit lit the room that day. Andre was a Baptist minister, a man of faith. As I stood beside his bed, holding his hand, he began to whisper weakly. I bent, lowering my ear toward him. “It won’t be long now. I’m going to be with my Lord.”

I’ve had my challenges with faith, sometimes questioning what’s real. But, in that moment, a magnificence radiated from Andre. It felt like being wrapped in a blanket of love. For that moment, I believed.

Andre and Gina were a devoted couple. They were remarkable together as well as extraordinary individuals. Gina is a loving mother and grandmother, an attentive daughter and sister, and a loyal friend. She is also a committed UNO Women’s Club Member. She has worked to make our organization strong, even during Andre’s long-term illness. Please keep Gina in your thoughts as she grieves her loss.
UNO Women’s Club Membership Form 2016-2017

Member’s First and Last Name: _______________________________________________________________

UNO Dept./Position (if applicable): ____________________________________________________________

Spouse/Partner’s Name/UNO Dept./Position (if applicable) _______________________________________

Home Phone: _____________________________ Cell Phone: ________________________________

Preferred email address: __________________________________________ Circle one: Yours or Partner/spouse’s?

Preferred Mailing Address: __________________________ City: __________ State ______ Zip ______

Indicate if your preferred address is your Home, Campus, or Business: ____________________________

* We require a home, business, or UNO mailing address in addition to an email address! *

Newsletters and invitations will be sent via email whenever possible. Since some communications cannot be emailed, we also need either a campus, business, or a home address for hard copy mailings.

During the course of the year, we will be taking photographs during our events. These photos may appear in newsletters, campus publications, or on our website and Facebook page. If you do not want your photo to be published during the year, please indicate here: Please exclude photos of me.

**Please read the following before writing your check(s)!

The main mission of the UNOWC is to support scholarships for non-traditional students. If you want to claim the donation on your income tax, please write one check for dues to the UNOWC and a separate one for the scholarship to the NU Foundation. By writing two checks and sending both to the UNOWC’s campus mailbox, the treasurer can give credit to the club for your UNOWC scholarship donations made to the NU Foundation. When she receives your checks, she will forward the scholarship checks to the Foundation for processing. This will allow you to claim your donation on your income tax. If you write only ONE check to the UNOWC for both dues and a scholarship donation, be aware that the UNOWC is not a 501(c)(3) entity, but the Foundation is.

Make membership check payable to UNOWC. If donating to one of the scholarships below, write a separate check payable to the NU Foundation.

Mail both checks to this address:

UNOWC Scholarship Choices:
Josephine Bail
Mary Macchietto Bernier
Margaret Naylor
Newton Family
Dorothy Patach
Stedman CBA
Mary Stoddard
Lou Ann Weber
UNOWC General Fund

Annual dues $20.00
Scholarship donation ______
TOTAL ______

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