Greetings from the President

Piglet sidled up to Pooh from behind. “Pooh?” he whispered. “Yes, Piglet?”

“Nothing,” said Piglet, taking Pooh’s hand. “I just wanted to be sure of you.”

A.A. Milne had such a great way of demonstrating friendship. Piglet was timid yet loyal and Pooh’s simple wisdom made reading stories meaningful to both grownups and kids alike. The whole gang from the Hundred Acre Woods enjoyed learning and laughing and giving to each other. The UNO Women’s Club members have very similar relationships.

We come together through our connection to UNO and provide valuable scholarships for students, provide service for the university, find time to enjoy each other’s company while learning and laughing and supporting each other. We are always sure of each other.

It’s hard to believe we are almost half way through the 2014-15 academic year. I’ve had the opportunity to work with our members, communicate with members of the faculty and administration, met students who always amaze me and really have enjoyed each encounter. Our members are so supportive of each other, taking time to celebrate professional and personal victories and share in losses while lifting each other up. What an amazing group of women!

My most recent on campus visit last week was to attend the Chancellor’s Commission on the Status of Women (CCSW) meeting. This is another group of amazing people with a connection to UNO and strong mission. The Chancellor has recognized each group for its individual strengths and suggested that we consider some projects where we support each other as well. I think it’s a great idea. Some of the members belong to both groups. The most recent agenda dedicated time to discussing the spring CCSW luncheon.

There will be a few format changes to this CCSW luncheon but the item that caught my attention was the discussion of the silent raffle items that are presented prior to the luncheon. Money raised is donated to the Emergency Loan Fund for UNO employees.

As a service to the University, I would like to suggest UNOWC donate several theme-filled baskets for the raffle. Putting these together is traditionally a fun activity where a few members donate common-themed items and then present them in a basket. We will talk about the details of this service and put some structure around it over the next few weeks and communicate more.

Thank you for the opportunity you’ve given me to be a part of your university and experience the friendships and service UNOWC is known for. I’ll end with one more quote from A.A. Milne: “Promise me you’ll always remember: You’re braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.”

Julie Messerole
UNOWC President, 2014 – 2015
### UNOWC Executive Team

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### 2014 - 2015 UNOWC Programs

Event dates, times and locations to be announced in future newsletters and via email.

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### 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 (below).

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<td>Mary Bernier</td>
<td><a href="mailto:mbernier@nufoundation.org">mbernier@nufoundation.org</a> 402-502-4108</td>
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<td>Ladies’ Lunch Mob</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:jmbrooks@unomaha.edu">jmbrooks@unomaha.edu</a> 402-554-2651</td>
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<td>Karen Garver</td>
<td><a href="mailto:bkgarver@cox.net">bkgarver@cox.net</a> 402-558-1895</td>
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<td>Ann Newton</td>
<td><a href="mailto:Ann-Newton@cox.net">Ann-Newton@cox.net</a> 402-556-5881</td>
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### Ladies’ Lunch Mob

The Ladies’ Lunch Mob met on Tuesday, October 22, from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. in Allwine Hall. We ate and participated in a seminar led by Dawn Cripe, WGS Coordinator in the Women’s Studies Department. The seminar topic was the early Women’s Suffrage movement, followed by a portion of the film, *Iron-Jawed Angels*.

### General Book Group

The General Book Group met on November 17th at Karen Garver’s home to discuss “Gone Girl”. The December book is “Burgess Boys.” Contact Ann Newton for more information: ann-newton@cox.net.

### Mystery Book Group

The Mystery Book Group meets normally on the second Saturday of each month at 10:30 a.m. to trade mystery books and talk a lot. We currently usually meet at the Hy-Vee at 90th and Center. Occasionally we do change the place. We would very much like to have new members. Anyone interested should contact Karen Garver at bkgarver@cox.net to be put on a mailing list.

### Items Needed for Archives

UNOWC Historian Ann Newton would appreciate receiving any papers that members or past members have from the former UNO Faculty Women’s Club. You can reach her at 402-556-5881 or email: Ann-Newton@cox.net. Past meeting minutes from past secretaries would be especially important in tracking the history of the Club. Any historical material will eventually go to the UNO Archives. Thanks for helping.

### AIM for the Stars

The **UNO Women’s Archive Project** wants our stories as part of their research into the history of our group. See page 7 for more information about their questionnaire.

The **AIM for the Stars** has a list of needed items for the summer program next year. Connie O’Brien welcomes your contributions:

- Baby food jars and lids
- 1L bottles and lids
- 2L bottles and lids
- Coffee cans: metal preferred
- Cool whip type lids
- Frozen fruit juice cans
- Ice cream buckets w/lids
- Milk cartons: ½ gal. or quart
- Milk jugs:gallon and ½ gal.
- Strawberry baskets: the green or clear woven kind
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Membership List

As of October 31st, the following women have become UNOWC members so far in 2014-2015.

Elaine Allen
Tessa Barney
Jean Bartek
Monica Bayles
Mary Bernier
Rose Bernstein
Kathy Blanke
M Kay Bret
Janine Brooks
Betty Carrico
Anne Carroll
Jan Christensen
Laraine Conway
Betty J. Davis
Sharon Davis
Carol Ebdon
Nancy Edick
Karen Garver
Jo Gilreath
Patti Gregor
Marty Hill
Sue Kutschkau
Carole Langan
Kathleen Lyons
Sue Manley
Nicole Massara
Jackie McCabe
Becky Means
Darlene Menard
Julie Messerole
Ann Newton
Marjorie O’Reilly
Dorothy Patach
Gina Pearson
Renee Reding
Mary Lynn Reiser
Sheila Runyon
Claudie Sires
Deb Smith-Howell
Angela Valle
Marsha Vance
Angelika Walker
Charlene Wilcox
Lynda Williams

2013-2014 Members:
Melba Acheson
Marge Armfield
Bridget Blomfield
Tatiana Bodrug
Melissa Boesman
Diane Boker
Lori Byrne
Connie Clauussen
Tara Clawson
Roxie Freeman
Judith Gaeddert
Marylu Gouttierre
Amy Hanna
Judy Harrington
Rita Henry
Jeanne Hoburg
Wilma Kuhlman
Sherry Mead
Cindy Osborne
Inez Petrie
Janet Pol
Aretha Prodjinotho
Marjorie Pullen
Katie Sup Rezac
Catherine Rokes
Courtney Schaffert
Angela Sedlacek
Rita Shaughnessy
Jeannine Sindt
Amanda Sjuts
Bev Snowden
Sharon Trussell
Lou Ann Weber
Judith Welk
Dorothy Willis
Tina Wilson
Cindy Wofford

In Memory of Long-Time Member
Eileen Conway
Sep 20, 1926 - Oct 14, 2014

Eileen Conway was raised In Beverly, Mass. She received her Education Degree from Salem State. Eileen and Jim met on a blind date and married on the East Coast. They had five children. In the 60’s, Eileen and Jim moved to Texas Tech where Jim got his doctorate. Eileen earned her MBA and taught for years at Omaha Central High School. Jim taught in the Business College here at UNO. They both loved the Atlantic Ocean and spent the winter months in Florida. When they retired, they bought a home there.

Eileen was very energetic and had many friends. She was active in several organizations and traveled to many places.

Eileen moved back to Omaha a few years ago to be near her children and resumed her activities with her many friends and organizations. We will miss her.

The 2014 -2105 Membership form is included on page 6 of this newsletter.
UNO Women’s Club Starts the Year with Chancellor’s Scholarship Dinner

The Thompson Center’s patio was the perfect late-summer setting for the opening 2014-2015 event of the UNO Women’s Club – the Chancellor’s Scholarship Dinner on Monday, September 8. Eleven UNO students were awarded $11,000 in UNO Women’s Club Scholarships.

Keyla Sanchez and Mary Bernier share a joyful moment after Keyla was awarded the Mary Macchietto Bernier Scholarship.

Derek Dikeman became the first recipient of the Robert C. Stedman UNO Women's Club Scholarship.

Josephine Bail Scholarship winner Alyssa Cardona is congratulated by UNOWC President Julie Messerole.

Jennie Lang-Harnish thanks Dorothy Patach, the benefactor of the scholarship she was awarded.

UNOWC President Julie Messerole presents Jardin Husser with the Josephine Bail and UNO Women's Club Scholarship.

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Honorary President Jan Christensen greeted members and scholarship recipients on behalf of her husband, UNO Chancellor John Christensen.

Gina Pearson was honored as the second recipient of the UNO Women’s Club Woman of the Year.

UNO Women’s Club: I wanted to thank you for helping give myself an opportunity to continue my studies at UNO. The experience I have gained at UNO will not be forgotten. The gift I have received from the Women’s Club is extremely generous, selfless and above all, kind. I am so grateful for this scholarship and it has been so very helpful to my continuing education. The dinner was a great gesture and I enjoyed hearing other recipient stories and meeting the donors and organization. Thank you for believing in me and supporting me in my journey. Jamie Stueve
UNO Women’s Club Membership Form 2014-2015

Member’s First and Last Name  UNO Dept / Position if applicable

Home Phone

Home Address  City  State  Zip

Spouse’s Name  Spouse’s UNO Dept / Position if applicable

Preferred email address:  yours ________  spouse’s ________

UNO Campus Mail Address if applicable

May we use a picture of you taken at any event in newsletters?  ______ yes  ______ no

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

Newsletters and invitations will be sent electronically whenever possible. Since some communications cannot be e-mailed, we must also have either a campus or a home address.

Please check which non-email address we should use:  ______UNO Campus Mail  ______Home

READ THE FOLLOWING BEFORE WRITING YOUR CHECK!!!

If you write ONE check to the UNOWC for dues and a scholarship donation, you should not claim it on your income tax. The UNOWC is not a 501(c) (3) entity, but the Foundation is.

If you want to claim the donation on your income tax, you should write one check for dues to the UNOWC and another for scholarship to the NU Foundation. Please send both to the UNOWC box. The treasurer will send the scholarship checks written to the Foundation for processing which will allow you to claim it on your income tax.

The UNOWC would like all funds to pass through their account. The main mission of the UNOWC is to support scholarships for non-traditional students. Writing two checks and sending both to the UNOWC box allows the treasurer to give credit to the club for donations made to the Foundation.

Make membership check payable to UNO-WC and mail to address below.

| Annual dues | $16.00 | O    | Josephine Bail | UNO Women’s Club |
| Scholarship donation |  | P    | Mary Bernier   | 6001 Dodge St, Unit 120 |
| TOTAL |  | T    | Margaret Naylor | Omaha, NE 68182 |
|  |  | I    | Dorothy Patach |
|  |  | O    | Mary Stoddard |
|  |  | N    | Lou Ann Weber |
|  |  | S    | UNO WC |

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UNO Women’s Archive Project Questionnaire

Hello!

My name is Angelika Walker, and my colleague, Samantha Miller, and I are writing a profile of the UNO Women’s Club for the Women’s Archive Project website (http://wap.lib.unomaha.edu). The Women’s Archive Project website is a multimedia archive that combines traditional library archives and lived history with the interactivity and public access of the internet. In order to write the best profile possible, Samantha and I would like to invite all members of the Women’s Club to share their personal memories, stories, photos, and other information about the club. To that end, we’ve created a brief questionnaire that will allow us to collect this information in an organized way. Please complete the attached questionnaire and return to Angelika Walker by email or mail by January 15th. Responses may be handwritten or typed. Email: angelikawalker@unomaha.edu
Mail: Angelika Walker 4245 Monroe Street Omaha, NE 68154

Thank You!

Directions for digital version of Women’s Club Questionnaire:

1. Click on the link: https://unomaha.box.com/s/gc6r9lf3yd7z5cp5kgew
2. Once open, please click the download arrow in the top right corner of your screen to download the document.
3. If the document does not open automatically, open it from your downloads folder.
4. Fill in the form on the computer and save to your desktop.
5. Attach the file to an email and send to angelikawalker@unomaha.edu

Please complete the questionnaire below and return to Angelika Walker by email or mail by January 15th. Responses may be handwritten or typed.

1. What is your first and last name?
2. Approximately when did you join the UNO Women’s Club?
3. Why did you join the UNO Women’s Club?
4. What’s your favorite memory from the Women’s Club?
5. Do you have a short story or memorable event about the Women’s Club you would like to share?
6. Would you be willing to share a story or memory about the Women’s Club on video? Yes No Maybe
7. Do you have any photos of Women’s Club events or of Women’s Club members that you would be willing to share? (All photos will be copied and safely returned).
8. What do you consider to be the most important aspect of the Women’s Club?
9. What has been most meaningful about being a member of the Women’s Club?
10. In your eyes, how has the Women’s Club positively affected the University over the years?
11. How have you seen the Women’s Club evolve over the years?
12. What hopes do you have for future members and the growth of the club?
13. What member of the Women’s Club has made the greatest impression on you or what is the most important relationship you’ve cultivated as a member of this group?
14. Is there anything else you’d like to share about the Women’s Club or about your experience as a member?