President's Letter

On February 28, 2014, a student residence hall in UNO’s Scott Village burned and 42 students were displaced. No students were hurt and UNO did a wonderful job of dealing with the crisis, but those 42 students lost all that they owned. One of the groups helping these students is the UNO Maverick’s Food Pantry.

The mission of the Maverick Food Pantry is to contribute to UNO’s culture of caring by providing food to those in immediate need and connecting them with resources in the greater Omaha area for long-term support. They are dedicated to eliminating hunger in the UNO community and increasing awareness of food insecurity and nutrition.

The Maverick Food Pantry offers pre-packed food packages containing approximately two days-worth of non-perishable food items. These bags of food are available to students, staff, and faculty who are in a crisis situation.

UNOWC will be sponsoring a Maverick Food Pantry Shower on April 12 in UNO’s new Community Engagement Center on the Dodge Street Campus (there is a flier with details within this newsletter). Please plan on attending the shower and bring either a bag of groceries or a check to help those in our UNO community less fortunate.

As always, thanks for your great support of UNOWC and UNO!

Mary Bernier
UNOWC President, 2013-2014

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UNO Women’s Archive Project (WAP)
Former UNO history faculty member Jody Carrigan taught one of the first women’s history classes in the US. Carrigan’s contribution to the history of women at UNO was featured at the Women’s Archive Project (WAP) program during the February 22 UNOWC luncheon. For a virtual tour of the WAP gallery, go to its website: wap.lib.unomaha.edu (continued on next page).
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UNO’s WAP (continued from page 1)

Dr. Tammie Kennedy, director of the Women’s Archive Project (WAP), introduced three of her graduate students who have contributed their historical research to the WAP.

Samantha Miller introduced Jody Carrigan to the attendees and showed slides of Carrigan as a young woman and in her role as a faculty member.

The late Mary Williamson, a UNO journalism faculty member who retired in 2004, was the topic of Angelika Walker’s research for the WAP. Walker quoted a former student who described Williamson’s legacy: “She empowered us to do more than we ever thought we could do. She created the leaders of the next generation.”

Jessica Thomsen’s WAP subject was Grace Harlan Kennedy, a University of Omaha art student who belonged to the Paint Pot Art Club in the 1920s faculty member in 1931-32.

All of three women’s stories and more about remarkable UNO women and a tour of the WAP Virtual Gallery of can be found at: wap.lib.unomaha.edu

The late Mary Williamson began her advertising career at Nebraska Furniture Mart. She retired as a UNO faculty member in 2004 and died in 2012.

- Final Meeting and Election of Officers will be our last program on Saturday, May 31, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., at Charleston’s, 76th & Dodge Sts.

Committee Chairs’ Notes

Please send a quick email note to asjuts@nufoundation.org when you hear of a time in a fellow member’s life when it would be appropriate for UNOWC to reach out and provide support, friendship and caring. Thank you.

CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS:

Gina Pearson's husband, Andre, is recovering from a surgical procedure. Please remember them in your thoughts, prayers and cards.

ARCHIVES

I would appreciate receiving any papers that members or past members have from the former UNO Faculty Women’s Club. The minutes of the meetings from the 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. Contact me at ann.newton@centurylink.net or 402-556-5881.

Treasurer’s Report:

Currently, 76 members have paid dues.

Income to date: $1,761 (dues)

Expenses to date: $1,380.29

Scholarship donations as of March 22: $2,530
UNO FOOD PANTRY SHOWER

Saturday, April 12
11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m.
UNO Community Engagement Center

Please join us to see the new CEC and learn more about the Maverick Food Pantry. Katherine Keiser, UNO Counseling Center and Maverick Food Pantry, will be presenting. Lunch will be provided at a cost of $15/per person.

Donation: Please consider bringing a bag of nonperishable groceries or a check for the Maverick Food Pantry

RSVP to Gina Pearson—402-502-4912 or gpearson@nufoundation.org
Taking Nominations for UNOWC Member of the Year and Woman of the Year

About the Awards

In 2013, The Executive Committee of the University of Nebraska Omaha Women’s Club voted unanimously to offer two awards annually to both a member and non-member of the organization who have demonstrated a commitment to the success of organization and the goals of the University.

These two awards, “Member of the Year” and “Woman of the Year”, are to be awarded based on the nomination of a member and as selected by the Executive Committee. Members of the Executive Committee are ineligible to receive the honor during their tenure on the committee.

Criteria for Selection

1. No more than one woman for each award may be selected each year for recognition.
2. The committee will evaluate the nominees for Member of the Year based on their
   • Service to the club
   • Demonstrated leadership qualities
   • Initiative and impact on meeting the club’s goals.
3. The committee will evaluate the nominees for Woman of the Year based on their
   • Demonstrated commitment to the university students and programs
   • Support of general UNO in the community
   • Demonstrated spirit in which they embrace the mission of UNO.

Nomination and Award Process

A short, no more than one page, narrative describing the characteristics of the nominee, her relationship and history with the University, and actions in support of the club or the UNO community will be submitted by August 1 to the Vice President of the University of Nebraska Women’s Club.

The Vice President will assemble a packet of all nominations and present to the Executive Committee for review and determination of the award recipients. Recipients will be notified by the Executive Committee and recognized during the first club meeting of the academic year. Recipients will be honored with a donation to the scholarship fund in their names.

UNOWC’s First Member of the Year

Janet Pol, a long-standing member of the UNO Women’s Club, received the first annual UNOWC Member of the Year Award last September. “Janet has been outstanding club member. She is often first to volunteer her time and talents to help advance both UNO and UNOWC,” said club president Mary Bernier during the award presentation. Janet is currently leading the club’s scholarship committee, creating a way for students to apply online for one of the club’s many scholarships. She has served in several other UNOWC positions including past president.

Janet, who received her MBA from UNO in 2005, now teaches Managerial Statistics for Business and Economics. In addition, she coordinates adjunct faculty appointments for UNO’s College of Business Administration statistics classes and the staffing of the Robert C. Stedman Statistics Lab, which serves more than 250 students each semester. Janet is also the webmaster for the College of Business.

Prior to coming to UNO as an instructor in 2001, Janet spent more than ten years in the printing industry as a digital print specialist and more than fifteen years in the hospitality industry.

Janet serves on the Planning Committee for the UNO Community Engagement Center. She is a trustee and the clerk for SID #337 and secretary for Phi Delta Gamma, a National Graduate Honor Society.

The UNO Women’s Club congratulates Janet for receiving this honor and is proud to have her as the first UNOWC Member of the Year recipient.
UNOWC Member Receives Outstanding Community Service Award

On March 19, 2014, the Chancellor’s Commission on the Status of Women awarded the Outstanding Community Service Award to UNOWC past president and member Kathy Blanke. As the manager of the Women Infants and Children (WIC) program for Douglas County, Kathy works every day with pregnant women and young children to ensure that they have healthy food on their tables. Kathy also mentors students in UNO’s Health Education and Public Health programs. Additionally, she offers guidance to student interns and guest lectures at UNO on topics such as nutrition and public health. Several UNOWC members were in attendance as Kathy accepted the award.

Thank You for being a member!

The following UNOWC members have renewed their memberships for 2013-2014.

Melba Acheson  
Elaine Allen  
Marge Armfield  
Tessa Barney  
Monica Bayles  
Mary Bernier  
Rose Bernstein  
Kathy Blanke  
Bridget Blomfield  
Tatiana Bodrug  
Melissa Boesman  
Janine Brooks  
Diane Bucker  
Lori Byrne  
Betty Carrico  
Anne Carroll  
Jan Christensen  
Connie Claussen  
Tara Clawson  
Eileen Conway  
Laraine Conway  
Betty Davis  
Sharon Davis  
Carol Ebdon  
Roxie Freeman  
Judith Gaeddert

Karen Garver  
Jo Gilreath  
Marylu Gouttierre  
Patti Gregor  
Amy Hanna  
Judy Harrington  
Rita Henry  
Marty Hill  
Jeanne Hoburg  
Wilma Kuhlman  
Sue Kutschkau  
Carole Langan  
Kathleen Lyons  
Sue Manley  
Nicole Massara  
Sherry Mead  
Becky Means  
Darlene Menard  
Julie Messerole  
Ann Newton  
Marjorie O'Reilly  
Cindy Osborne  
Dorothy Patach  
Gina Pearson  
Inez Petrie  
Janet Pol  
Aretha Prodjinotho  
Marjorie Pullen  
Renee Reding  
Mary Lynn Reising  
Katie Sup Rezac  
Catherine Rokes  
Sheila Runyon  
Courtney Schaffert  
Angela Sedlacek  
Rita Shaughnessy  
Jeannine Sindt  
Claudie Sires  
Amanda Sjuts  
Deb Smith-Howell  
Bev Snowden  
Sharon Trussell  
Angela Valle  
Marsha Vance  
Lou Ann Weber  
Judith Welk  
Charlene Wilcox  
Dorothy Willis  
Tina Wilson  
Cindy Wofford  

Membership Chair Cindy Osborne,  
cosborne@unomaha.edu, or committee member Angie Sedlacek,  
angelasedlacek@unomaha.edu, can answer any question you have about becoming a member.
**UNOWC Gourmet Group**

| Chinese Cooking & Culture | June (date and time TBA) | Location TBA | Carl and Fanny Macchiato host a lesson and dinner with a talk about Chinese culture |

Members of the UNOWC Gourmet Group enjoyed watching a lasagna-making demonstration during the January meeting at the home of Mary and Bob Bernier.

**Ladies’ Brown Bag Lunch Mob**

Our Ladies’ Lunch Mob April event will be over the lunch hour. *If you need a parking permit or accommodations to participate, please contact Janine Brooks at 402-554-2651 to make arrangements.* *Also, a free shuttle bus is located off-campus at the Crossroads where you can park your vehicle without a parking permit. Please RSVP as space may be limited.*

| What’s Cooking in our Kitchens? | Thursday, April 17 at 12:05 p.m. | MBSC Cafeteria | Come to MBSC to learn from the Catering Manager of the services that they offer and the different types of foods they have available. |

**Mystery Book Club**

Calling all members: If you love reading mysteries and being a secret sleuth, consider joining the UNOWC Mystery Book Club. Not a formal discussion group, this group meets on the second Saturday of each month at Wohiner’s Grocery on 67 & Center at 10:30 a.m. to exchange mystery books, recommend books and visit. Please contact Karen Garver, bkgarver@cox.net, 402-558-1895.

**General Book Club**

General Book Club meets on the third Monday of the month at 7 pm at members’ homes. New members are welcome. Contact Ann Newton, ann.newton@cox.net or 402-556-5881.

**Last Events of 2013/2014**

| April 21: My Life in France by Julia Child |
| May 19: Review books for next year followed by no host dinner. |