Summer is on its way out, and autumn is just around the corner!

We hope that you had a fun-filled summer, packed with many special memories of family and friends. Now that fall is almost here, we look forward to another year of having good times with our UNOWC friends. We are planning some fun and interesting programs, thanks to the wonderful members who are working on our board and committees. You are in for another outstanding year!

Fall is a special time on campus, too. UNO students are returning to classes, fresh from vacations, summer internships, and full of energy that seems to radiate from them, bringing the entire campus back to life, invigorating the faculty and staff.

The UNO Women’s Club has been invigorated by our institution’s energy, too. This will be a year of exciting happenings for our group! As your Co-Presidents for the 2015-2016 academic year, we are excited to try this new dynamic!

Our executive board has worked hard over the summer months to outline new goals, plan fascinating programs, and discuss how we might best continue our club mission to provide networking opportunities, social engagement, non-traditional scholarships, and university service.

First, we would like you to meet the special women who are working so hard to make this a special year for you. New to our board is Monica Bayles, who will serve as Vice-President. Ann Newton, who has consistently worked on the board for many years, will continue as Historian. Anne Carroll, who has been UNOWC’s treasurer for over 30 years, will continue in this position. Mary Lynn Reiser has accepted the position of secretary, using her talents in a different capacity this year. Patti Gregor will again make contributions to UNOWC, as parliamentarian. Elaine Allen, who has been our UNOWC newsletter editor for the past two years, has agreed to publish her awesome newsletters again. Inez Pietrie, an active member of UNOMC for many years, has already started her work as Chair of the Courtesy Committee.

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One of our primary goals for this year will be to grow our membership. Mary Bernier and Gina Pearson are chairpersons of the Membership Committee, but we believe this is a goal all of our members can help us to meet. Growing our membership is one of our most challenging goals, but it’s also one of our most important goals, as it allows us to continue providing scholarships. If every member were to recruit one new member, our membership could double, allowing us to give out even more in scholarships next year! So, we ask that you take up this charge and find one colleague or alum to invite to a meeting or program this year.

Janet Pol has done an excellent job as chair of the scholarship committee. Along with her committee, she has already completed the selection process. Ten worthy students will each receive a $1000 scholarship this year, to be awarded at the annual Scholarship and Awards Dinner. See the enclosed invitation.

And, speaking of programs, our Program Committee chairs, Jennifer Katz and Amy Schindler, have planned some wonderful events for our group, including a tour of the new Baxter Arena this fall! Mark your calendars for both the Scholarship and Awards Dinner on Monday evening, September 28, and for the Baxter Arena tour on Thursday evening, November 5. See the rest of the newsletter for more information on our first two spectacular programs!

We’d also like to mention that Amy Schindler has graciously volunteered to maintain the UNO Women’s Club Facebook page this year, and we invite you to “like” the page. She has already been working with the page to give it a more active presence, and the more “likes” and “shares” we have means more visibility for our group, which is a good thing!

Thanks goes to our Past President Julie Messerole, who fostered a collaborative relationship between UNOWC and the UNO Chancellor’s Commission on the Status of Women.

And special thanks to Jan Christensen, our honorary president, for her continual support of our organization and especially to Chancellor John Christensen for hosting the Scholarship and Award dinners this year and in past years.

We greatly appreciate the generosity of all these people.

Finally, we would like to leave you with a quotation from Gloria Steinem that reminds Angelika of what she was searching for when she joined the UNO Women’s Club and why she agreed to be Co-President this year:

“Women understand. We may share experiences, make jokes, paint pictures, and describe humiliations that mean nothing to men, but women understand. The odd thing about these deep and personal connections of women is that they often ignore barriers of age, economics, worldly experience, race, culture — all the barriers that, in male or mixed society, had seemed so difficult to cross.”

Gloria Steinem

Being a part of this wonderful group of women who understand and support one another is special. This group of women provides a sense of camaraderie and encouragement that is difficult to find in this day and age, and for that, we are both thankful!

We look forward to seeing you soon. So plan to spend time with us this year, both to enjoy old UNOWC friends and to make new ones! Hope to see you on September 28 at our Scholarship and Awards Dinner.

Angelika Walker and Laraine Conway
2015 – 2016 Program Schedule

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

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General Book Group

Meets the 3rd Monday of each month at members’ homes. First Meeting on Monday, September 21.

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Treasurer’s Report

Here is a synopsis of the year 2014-2015:

- 63 members
- Total receipts: $1,707
- Total disbursements: $1,577.36
- Scholarship donations: $1,834

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* Miscellaneous includes: President’s gift, Courtesy, Communication, Historian, Publicity

Need Items for UNOWC’s 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 welcome. All historical material will eventually go to the UNO Archives. Thanks for helping.

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.

Ladies’ Lunch Mob
- Janine Brooks
  - jmbrooks@unomaha.edu
  - 402-554-2651

Mystery Book Club
- Karen Garver
  - bkgarver@cox.net
  - 402-558-1895

General Book Group
- Ann Newton
  - Ann-Newton@cox.net
  - 402-556-5881
Chancellor John and Mrs. Jan Christensen

Invite you to attend the

2015
UNO Women’s Club
Scholarship Dinner

At the Thompson Alumni Center
On Monday, September 28
From 5:30-8:00 p.m.

In lieu of a cost for dinner, please consider making a gift to one of the UNOWC member-funded University of Nebraska Foundation scholarships:

Josephine Bail
Mary Macchietto Bernier
Margaret Naylor
Newton Family
Dorothy Patach
Stedman CBA
Mary Stoddard
Lou Ann Weber
UNO Women’s Club

R.S.V.P. by Thursday, September 17th,
To Cheryl Quigley Sempek, 402-502-4911, or cheryl.quigleysempek@nufoundation.org
Membership Form 2015-2016

Member’s First and Last Name: _____________________________________________________________

UNO Dept./Position if applicable: ____________________________________________________________

Home Phone: ___________________________________________ Cell Phone: ___________________________

Home Address: ___________________________________________ City: ____________________________ State _______ Zip ____________

If applicable, Spouse/Partner’s Name_________________________ Spouse’s UNO Dept./Position: ________

Preferred email address: ________________________________________ Yours _____ Spouse’s _____

UNO Campus Mail Address, if applicable: ______________________________________________________

*We require a home or UNO mailing address in addition to an email address* Newsletters and invitations will be sent electronically whenever possible. Please check which non-email address we should use:

_______UNO Campus Mail _______Home

During the course of the year, we will be taking photographs during our events. These photos may appear in newsletters, campus publications, or online. If you **do not** want your photo to be published during 2014 – 2015, check the following: __________ 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. The UNOWC would like all funds to pass through its account. Writing two checks and sending both to the UNOWC box allows the treasurer to give credit to the club for donations made to the NU Foundation.

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 checks to the UNOWC mailbox. The treasurer will send the scholarship checks written to the Foundation for processing, which will allow you to claim your donation on your income tax. 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.

Make membership check payable to **UNOWC** and, if donating to a scholarship, another check payable to the **NU Foundation**. Mail to address below:

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

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Glacier Creek Preserve: Site of May 2015 UNOWC Meeting

In 1959, Glen Haven Farm was acquired by Omaha University. Originally on 160 acres of Allwine Prairie, the land and buildings are now part of the Glacier Creek Preserve.

As the site of one of the oldest tall grass prairies, it is also the source of the highest quality creek in Nebraska. In the early 1970s, pyro-ecologist and UNO faculty member Dr. Tom Bragg began managing the preserve with fire as part of the grassland restoration. Glacier Creek contains one the longest running set of managed burn and mow plots in the country. Research plots show how regular burning helps grow native prairie grasses.

What was once a faculty-only picnic location, Glacier Creek has become a community facility represented by all colleges. The preserve hosts ballet, art and STEM programs. To support a conservatory of music, Arts and Sciences Dean David Boocker is donating a piano.

The ground-floor research lab in the barn is "so energized" with students. "Really creative place for anyone who comes here," said Barbi Hayes, who spoke to UNOWC members attending the year-end luncheon. "I encourage students to become part of the land ethic" by coming to Glacier Creek to collect seeds and talk with each other. "I get very passionate talking about this." For more information about this beautiful facility, check out the website: www.unomaha.edu/college-of-arts-and-sciences/biology/nature-preserves
UNOWC Group Toured “Best For Vets” Office in April

Director of the Office of Military and Veteran Services Mike Connolly gave a small group of UNO Women’s Club members a tour of the “first in the nation” college office for military veterans. The small, cramped office is currently located on the ground floor of Eppley Administration building but will eventually move over to the Milo Bail Student Center when remodeling is completed.

Last year, UNO enrolled 1380 military-affiliated students, including active-duty service members, vets, spouses or significant others. Air Force is largest branch: but large number of Army. About 45 students were deployed last semester.

Connolly said military-related students at UNO face bigger issues than a traditional student: benefits, deployment to foreign countries or out to sea. His office has a deployment coordinator to help these students work with their professors to complete their coursework.

The office also provides all aspects of certification of benefits for VA. The small four-and-a-half office staff can handle all of these issues, he said, “It takes a huge load of registrar and financial aid.” Difficulties are different for vets: for example, vaccination records, PTSD and other service-related disabilities. In his Master’s research, Connolly looked of rates of failure for vets who are enrolled in college. Math courses, not surprisingly, were among those failure points. His office found students who did well in calculus and hired them as tutors.

The office would like to do more programming to “build comradery and community to get them to stay but we are hamstrung by budget constraints,” Connolly said. “We have no budget to get the word out.” Connolly has enlisted the NU Foundation’s help. Development Officer Nicole Massara said there is lots of corporate interest in Omaha because businesses want to hire veterans.

For more information on this program, please check out the website: http://www.unomaha.edu/student-life/inclusion/military-and-veteran-services/index.php