President’s Note

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season with friends and family. A few of our members had very interesting holidays and I invite you to read about them in the “Good News” section on page 3.

As we begin spring 2009, I would like to take a moment to reflect on our time together last year. We began with our annual membership open house and concluded with a beautiful holiday luncheon. Between these two events, we held our Halloween bake sale. Record funds raised from the bake sale combined with generous holiday card gifts have ensured that the TUWC scholarship will continue to support talented young women at Trinity University — most important during difficult and uncertain economic times. Page 5 contains a few “notes” from this year’s recipients and gives you an idea of how important these scholarships are to their education at Trinity.

On January 8, our Second Annual Chili Cook-Off took place and was a huge success. The men’s and women’s basketball teams arrived hungry and we were happy to provide them with a home-cooked meal. Eight different kinds of chili, homemade cornbread, salads and desserts were all devoured!

As many of you know, last year the TUWC entered a team in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure (page 2). With the support of club members, family, friends and the University, we doubled our fundraising goal. This year, we hope for an even stronger showing. Please join the TUWC team on April 4 to support a cause that is so important to all women.

Thank you all for your continued support and generosity.

With warm regards,

Jackie Sliker

Happy Holidays!

The TUWC’s Holiday Luncheon was a resounding success! Organized by Debi Arbuckle, Ruby Contreras, Nelda Cortez and Stacey Lenderman. Members literally received the “red carpet” treatment as they entered the Ruth Taylor building. The decorations were incredible, the food delicious and the company wonderful. Best of all, cards left on the Christmas tree contained generous donations to the TUWC’s Scholarship Fund.

Elizabeth Ford coordinated Mr. Albert “Boo” Hauser’s presentation, “Christmas at the White House: Behind the Scenes.” The presentation provided a fascinating insider’s
TUWC Events Spring 2009 (as of 1/21/09)

RSVPs for all events is greatly appreciated. See page 4 for individual contact information.

😊 Indicates a club interest group.

February 12
REGULAR MEETING
Luncheon Topic: Trinity Going Green: Sustainability on Campus, John Greene, Director of Physical Plant and Michael Schweitzer, Assistant Director of Physical Plant
11:30 a.m., Holt Center
RSVP: Inga Munsinger-Cotton
Fee: $5 for non-member guests

March 10 😊
Culinary Capers
11:30 a.m., Home of Janice Brazil, 150 Oakmont
Contact: Carol Roy

March 17 (Book Review) 😊
7:00 p.m., Book and place TBD
Contact: Sandra Kurtin

April 4 - Join Team Trinity!
Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure
Off Campus Location
Team Captain: Carol Mansen
RSVP: Claire Smith

Komen San Antonio Race for the Cure:
Race day remembers lives lost to breast cancer, celebrates those who are surviving the battle, and honors families and friends for their support. The 11th annual race was held March 29, 2008, attracting more than 28,000 participants, including 1,400 survivors, and for the fifth consecutive year, raised more than $1 million for the continued fight to end breast cancer. The 12th annual Komen San Antonio Race for the Cure is scheduled for Saturday, April 4, 2009.

April 9
REGULAR MEETING
Luncheon Topic: Female Athlete Body Image Project: Can We Reduce Risk Factors for Eating Disorders in Female Athletes?
Dr. Carolyn Becker, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology
11:30 a.m., Holt Center
RSVP: Inga-Munsinger Cotton
Fee: $5 for non-member guests

April 14 (Film and Fiction) 😊
The Shooting Party by Isabel Colgate
10:00 a.m., Home of Genie Calgaard
Contact: Marguerite Barzun

May 5
May Lunch (formerly brunch)
11:30 a.m., Holt Center and Lawn
Install new officers; sign up for a committee, renew your membership.
RSVP: Mary Kay Cooper
Fee: TBD

May 19 (Book Review) 😊
7:00 p.m., Book and place TBD
Contact: Sandra Kurtin

Time and/or Place To Be Determined:

Dutch Treat Lunches 😊
Lunch together around town. 11:30 a.m., Members are either called or e-mailed about time and place.
Contact: Judy Golliher

Stitch in Time 😊
For everyone who sews, knits, crochets, etc. and for those interested in learning how.
11:30 a.m., Ruth Taylor Theater Building, Costume Studio (RT 329)
Contact: Jodi Karjala
Good News!

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I am very proud to announce that I am the Chairwoman for V-Day San Antonio, 2009. I will have posters and flyers to distribute soon regarding V-Day events for February including the Vagina Monologues. V-Day is a global movement to end violence against women and girls that raises funds and awareness through benefit productions of Playwright/Founder Eve Ensler’s award winning play The Vagina Monologues and other artistic works. For more information about V-Day visit their website http://newsite.vday.org/. - Josie Mixon

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During the 2008 holiday break, my family and I “adopted” a stray dog that was hanging around our neighborhood — instead of calling the pound. He’s slowly realized that he now has a family who loves and cares for him and definitely has no problem with two square meals a day that don’t come from a trash can! His name is Stray (until I can convince my husband and daughter otherwise!). - Brenda Black

Brita Munsinger, my daughter, is delighted to be working at Trinity as a Web Programmer in Communications. She’ll be working on the new “look” for Trinity’s website and helping departments adapt their information to the new web design. Brita is a 1995 graduate of Trinity University and has an M.S. in computer science from the University of Texas at Austin. She’s also a new member of the TUWC. Inga Munsinger Cotton is her sister. - Kim M. Munsinger

After Christmas, I made a quick five-day trip to New York...saw South Pacific, August: Osage County, and Dividing the Estate, a comedy by Texas author Shelby Foote. All were wonderful! - Mary Denny

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Trinity Anniversaries

Congratulations to Ruby Contreras and Brenda Black for 20 years of work at Trinity University!
Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home.
- Edith Sitwell

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TRINITY UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CLUB
Notes from Our Scholarship Recipients

Hello, my name is Laurie Ashby and I was selected to receive financial aid made possible by the Trinity University Women’s Club Endowed Scholarship. I am a senior from Katy, Texas, majoring in humanities. I hope this letter conveys my appreciation for your personal link in my education.

I am involved in many activities on campus including lacrosse and TUVAC (Trinity University Volunteer Action Community). Right now, I am studying abroad in Auckland, New Zealand. Trinity was the only university I visited and I knew it was right for me.

College has been an ongoing financial struggle for me and my family. For a while, I didn’t think I was going to make it out of Katy. Thank you for assisting me in my education at Trinity. I am grateful that you have given me a chance to continue my studies and I look forward to graduating and finding ways to give back myself.

Sincerely,

Laurie Ashby

I am Aimee Kennedy, a senior biology major from Lafayette, Louisiana. I am writing to you as a recipient of the Women’s Club Scholarship. Thank you very much for the generous financial support you have given me. This scholarship made it possible for me to complete my degree at Trinity. I plan on attending medical school after graduation, and last week I found out that I was accepted to one of my top choice schools!

Thank you again to everyone in the Trinity University Women’s Club for helping me to reach my goals. I have had a wonderful experience at Trinity and I look forward to the day when I can begin giving back to the University for all the wonderful things it has given me.

Sincerely,

Aimee Kennedy
President Jackie Sliker welcomed new and returning members to the first luncheon of the academic year. She then called on the executive committee members for their reports.

Elizabeth Ford shared information about the next luncheon, on Wednesday (not a Thursday), December 10. The program will be Albert “Boo” Hausser speaking on “Christmas at the White House: Behind the Scenes.” The lunch will be in the Ruth Taylor Fine Arts Center Foyer and the program will be in the Ruth Taylor Recital Hall.

Marsha McGlasson announced the current membership statistics. Membership is down slightly to 85 members. Marsha invited members to recruit their friends and to try and get in touch with women who have been members in the past.

Stacey Lenderman brought two guests: Lisa Chapa from Residential Life and Aquatics Director Erica Scharfenstein. New members attending the luncheon included Florinda Galindo (Mathematics), Cynthia Uviedo (Major Gifts), and Josie Mixon (Registrar).

Jackie thanked Marlene Zacarias for her work updating and designing the yearbooks. Jackie pointed out that the yearbook and the website are good sources of information about Women’s Club activities.

Mary Kay Cooper presented details about the holiday social, a pre-concert reception in the lobby of Northrup Hall, starting at 6 p.m. on Friday, December 5.

Jackie thanked Janice Brazil for letting the Women’s Club use her house for the Open House in September. Also, Jackie thanked Donna Fiedler for preparing and sending the newsletters.

Nelda Cortez, Corresponding Secretary, reported that there was no news to share. Susan McMahon presented the treasurer’s report. First, she presented a budget showing actual expenditures for 2007-08 and projected expenditures for 2008-09. In 2007-08, the Women’s Club was able to shift $2,000 to the scholarship fund, and hopefully will do so again in the future. Susan noted that the April meeting went over budget because last-minute RSVPs increased the food cost. The membership voted to approve the 2008-09 budget. Susan also presented a financial report for the current year. The balance at the beginning of the year was $2,478.61. Membership dues minus expenses left a balance of $2,912.85 on October 9, 2008.

In Claire Smith’s absence, Jackie shared information about scholarships. Last year’s recipients, Laura Ashby and Amy Kennedy, attended the May brunch and hopefully will attend the University’s Scholarship Reception in the spring. Items for the Halloween bake sale, to raise money for the scholarship fund, should be delivered to the Fiesta Room by 8:30 a.m. on October 31.

Genie Calgaard was not present to report on interest groups, but group leaders contributed information. Elizabeth announced that Girls’ Night Out will meet at Genie’s house at 7 p.m. on Monday, October 20 for card games. Culinary Capers will meet November 5 at Judy White’s house. Jackie reported for Walking for Women, which meets at 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and 7:30 a.m. Thursdays at the trail. Carol Mansen shared the date for the next Race for the Cure, which will be April 4, 2009. Jackie asked for any other old or new business, but there was none. Jackie also thanked luncheon committee chair Kathy O’Neill and hostesses Linda Campbell, Carissa Gillies, and Frances Swinny.

Elizabeth Ford introduced the guests: Chef Patrick Costello and his students Erik Kaiser, Michael Stober, and Sarah Maldonado, all from the Culinary Arts program at St. Philip’s College. Chef Costello shared information about the growth of the Tourism, Hospitality and Culinary Arts department at St. Philip’s and the importance of the hospitality industry in San Antonio’s economy. The Upper Deck restaurant allows students to practice on the public, and is a great bargain for fine dining.

Andrea Spanley offered the closing reflections. She noted that many of us had not seen each other over the summer, so she encouraged everyone to say hello, get back in touch, and welcome new members.

Respectfully submitted,

Inga Munsinger Cotton
Recording Secretary
President Jackie Sliker opened the meeting by thanking the luncheon chair, Debi Arbuckle, and hostesses Ruby Contreras, Stacy Lenderman, and Nelda Cortez.

Jackie also thanked everyone who put a card on the tree with a gift for the scholarship fund.

Jackie announced the date for the chili cook-off—Wednesday, January 8, 2009—and invited members to sign up to make chili or other dishes to feed the men’s and women’s basketball players who are on campus during the break.

Elizabeth Ford shared information about the next meeting, Thursday, February 12, 2009 at the Holt Center, featuring John Greene (Director of Physical Plant) and Michael Schweitzer (Assistant Director of Physical Plant) discussing “going green” on the Trinity campus.

Marsha McGlasson reported that there is no news on membership, but requested that members share change of address information with her.

Guests at the meeting included Inga Munsinger Cotton’s sister, Brita Munsinger. Also, Claire Smith brought Aimee Kennedy, a scholarship recipient. Stacy mentioned that Lupita Puente came to help and stayed for lunch. Cynthia Oviedo brought her mom, Rosie Cortinas. Kris Howland brought her mom, Harriett Nelson, and guests Margie Boggus, Patsy High, Audie Stone, and Sara Staube.

Mary Kay Cooper thanked her committee, including Claire Smith and Donna Fiedler, for helping with the pre-Christmas Concert reception.

Corresponding Secretary Nelda Cortez reported no news to share.

Susan McMahon presented the budget report. The balance at the beginning of the year was $2,478.61. Membership dues and proceeds from the Christmas concert reception, minus expenses, left a balance of $3,533.59 as of December 10, 2008.

Claire Smith thanked everyone who donated treats and time to the Halloween bake sale, which raised $694.60 for the scholarship fund.

Genie Calgaard reported on Interest Group activity.
  January 13: Film and Fiction—“Message in a Bottle” at Genie Calgaard’s house
  January 20: Culinary Capers—Mary Jane Judd’s house
  January 26: games night
  TBA—Dutch Treat lunch (contact Judy Golliher or Mary Elaine McElreath for info)
  Women Walking: twice a week (11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and 7:30 a.m. Thursdays)
  Race for the Cure: April 4, 2009; Carol Mansen has more information.

Jackie asked if there were any other old or new business to attend to, but there was none.

In the auditorium, Elizabeth Ford introduced the speaker, Albert “Boo” Hausser, a rancher, volunteer, and historic preservationist. His presentation on “Christmas at the White House: Behind the Scenes” featured slides of lavish decorations in various stages of being assembled and displayed, plus stories about White House history.

Debi Arbuckle offered closing reflections, including a poem by Alan Harris, “Listening to Christmas,” inviting listeners to contemplate the sound of snow falling on snow, and a prayer for Christmas peace.

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