

E-News

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Following are brief highlights from The Associates board retreat on July 27 at the home of Catherine Jones. But before we get down to business, please add these dates to your calendar.

August 25 – Associates Appreciation Luncheon
Eisenberg Social Hall
Noon

September 1 – Associates Board Meeting – All members welcome
Development Conference Room
Noon

September 3 – Kenan Institute for the Arts *Open Dream Ensemble*
Stevens Center
Performances at 6:30 and 7:30

September 27 – Host Families Potluck Dinner
Details to be announced

September 29 – Kenan Institute for the Arts
New Faculty Reception
Details to be announced

October 29 – THE ASSOCIATES PRESENT “Behind the Scenes”
A collaboration with the School of Dance featuring the “new” Nutcracker
DeMille Theatre
Details to be announced

December 5 – Nutcracker Feed
Stevens Center
Details to be announced

June 16-20, 2010 – Magnolia Baroque Festival
Details to be announced

The agenda for our annual summer Board retreat included a brief assessment of 2008-2009 endeavors, invited comments from individual board members about their hopes for next year, and some actual decisions for the coming year.

There will be no yard sale this fall. It was agreed that effort exceeded outcome – and income.

The Membership Committee has sent out membership forms for 2009-2010. If you haven't re-upped, please do so; please let me know if you've misplaced your form. Memberships of those who recently joined will roll over to the coming year.

You'll be hearing soon about the annual Fall Kick-Off, which once again will feature the famous First-Year Student Auditions Review with master of ceremonies Robert Beseda. This has become a favorite of Associate members and customarily takes place in late September or early October. You'll receive a "hold the date" followed by an evite once we get a date established with the School of Drama, which should be very soon.

We're pleased and honored to be asked by the School of Dance to do a THE ASSOCIATES PRESENT "Behind the Scenes" based on their new Nutcracker production. The event will take place October 29, and given the limited space of De Mille Theatre, reservations are required. Watch for more information about this event in the next newsletter. You'll receive an official invitation by e-mail.

Information about our Host Families Program has gone out, and we hope you're considering becoming a host family. There is a need for more families, so please contact Ken or Vicki Davis (pywacketdavis@aol.com) if interested. Please note the Potluck Supper on Sunday, September 27, at the home of Tamara Michael. This is a wonderful event; you're invited to attend if you're interested in the program.

Vice President Carolyn Bailey received input from board members and announced that speaker meetings will be held every other month. Alix Hitchcock of the UNCOSA Parent Support Organization will speak on September 1 and will explain how this organization supports the school. ***All members are invited to these and all meetings of The Associates board, an invitation we can't reiterate enough.*** E-mail Michelle Snow, our UNCOSA liaison, to reserve a seat (snowm@uncarts.edu). We welcome your presence and interest.

Two Kenan Institute for the Arts events are coming up: *Open Dream Ensemble*, a group of professional dancers, actors, and musicians trained at the North Carolina School of the Arts who combine their talents to perform original, multidisciplinary works for youth with live music, dance, and drama, will perform at Stevens Center September 3 at 6:30 (K-5) and 7:30 (ages 3-8). The performances are free and our ages don't matter. The Kenan wine & cheese reception for new faculty members will be held Tuesday, September 29, from 5-6 p.m. at the Kenan Institute, 1722 South Main Streets. Look for an invitation closer to the time of the gathering.

Board member Sarah Turner, reprising her role as Queen of Cookies for student exam period, is counting on you. New board member Linda Bettis will be heading the group making new faculty/administration welcome baskets, one of our treasured traditions.

The first draft of Associates information for the UNCSA website has been submitted. Check out the final version this fall.

A new volunteer group called BRAVO!, has been created to cultivate and develop younger audiences. The group is chaired by Clare Altmann, who will attend our board meetings so we can coordinate scheduling of events. We're looking forward to working with this group.

The executive committee will be reviewing the by-laws, which are in need of updating. While we can't imagine there is much interest in this bit of housekeeping, let us know if you want a copy of the updated document.

The Associates plan to continue their support of the School by giving scholarship monies each year, as well as continuing to make audience development a priority. Please help us achieve these goals. Until September....