

E-News

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

Tuesday, September 22
Annual Fall Membership Kickoff
6:30 p.m.
Catawba Theatre Performance Place

Sunday, October 18
Host Family Potluck Dinner
5:00 p.m.
Tamara Michael's House

Tuesday, September 29
"Kenan Conversations: with New UNCSEA Faculty & Administrators"
5:00-6:00 p.m.
1722 South Main Street

Thursday, October 29
The Associates Present "Behind the Scenes"
A collaboration with the School of Dance featuring the "new" Nutcracker
De Mille Theatre

7:00 p.m.

As you see at left, the **Annual Fall Kickoff** is here! Tomorrow night, as a matter of fact. It features what's becoming an Associates kickoff tradition - Robert Beseda and Studio I students presenting their audition monologues. It's a wonderful way to see students up close and personal and the perfect mechanism for following their progress through the years. A wine and hors d'oeuvres reception follows. Please note the early start of 6:30 p.m.

Much of the news from the September board meeting is reflected in the calendar of events. We're anticipating an unusually exciting fall as we continue our "Behind the Scenes" programs and other Associates projects.

As we decided at the July retreat, there will be no **Associates Yard Sale**. Donations already collected are being given to a yard sale effort for the "Pluck Project", a fund-raising undertaking that provides a means for the modern dance division of the School of Dance to attend group auditions in New York. Anyone who still has yard sale items to donate should take them to 215 Sunnyside Avenue. The sale is expected to take place in mid-October.

The Associates Present "Behind the Scenes" has announced the date for its first event, a collaboration with the School of Dance. It will be held on October 29 at De Mille Theatre at 7:00 p.m. The topic is the "new" Nutcracker, an intriguing prospect. As space is limited at De Mille, and this is a very popular event, we strongly suggest that you make your reservations NOW by contacting UNCSEA.Associates@gmail.com or by calling 336-631-1227.

In addition, the committee has had discussions with the Department of Drama about a collaboration based on their February production of "Two Gentlemen of Verona." Other possibilities include a "BTS"

centered on the Department of Music/Fletcher Opera Institute opera production during the winter semester, as well as a birthday party after the annual Mozart's Birthday concert at the end of January.

The Helpmates Committee has been advised there will be plenty of projects in the development office for them in light of recent staff cutbacks throughout all UNC schools. We're ready to go.

The Hospitality Committee has already met to get to know each other, discuss upcoming events and promote collegiality and inclusiveness among its members, since it is such a large committee. The Fall Kickoff is its first event.

The Host Family Program is up and running. Committee chairmen have already met with Residence Life and with the newly formed Parent Support Organization (PSO). They have added several prospective host families. Families have not yet been paired up with students but the committee is working on it and will announce host families soon. A Potluck Dinner is being held Sunday, October 18 at 5 p.m. at Tamara Michael's house; members interested in supporting or actively participating in this program are invited to attend.

The Membership Committee has been working diligently on the upcoming Annual Fall Membership Kickoff, which takes place this Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. (note early time). We're expecting an enthusiastic turnout.

Once all the membership forms have been processed, a directory will be e-mailed to all members for downloading. Additional copies will be made available at the Office of Advancement on South Main Street.

The Members at Large Committee continues with the various ongoing programs of The Associates. The School of Filmmaking locations resource project will continue to use the information currently available until new locations and film extras are received from the membership forms. The Associates annual welcome baskets for new faculty and senior administrators have been delivered. And of course you'll be getting calls for cookies and baked goods during exam times.

Don't forget the September 29th "**Kenan Conversations**," a wine and cheese reception, which offers the opportunity to meet new faculty and administrators. This is always a lovely and interesting event and a chance to see our Kenan partners/friends. The institute is located at the corner of South Main Street and Gloria Avenue; parking is plentiful on Gloria.

The Department of Dance has asked us to provide a meal for all 200 plus performers (which this year includes the student orchestra) between a matinee and evening performance of **The Nutcracker**. The students have no way of returning to school for a meal between the matinee and evening performances, so the Associates will step in and fill the gap. Aramark has agreed to loan us warming pans for our vast quantity of homemade penne pasta; we'll also provide sandwiches from Subway and large amounts of cookies and baked goods from Associates members. This is a big undertaking, but one we love to do.

We're in the process of submitting information about The Associates for the **UNCSA Website**. The executive committee has met and updated our by-laws, which will now undergo legal scrutiny before

being posted on the website along with other information, such a schedule of events, a list of The Associates board, issues of last year's E-News and a membership application.

The Associates would like to extend a huge thank you to Aramark Catering for the Associates Appreciation Luncheon for which they provided the beautifully presented and delicious food as a gift-in-kind donation.

Our next board meeting takes place on October 6 at noon in the development office conference room. All members are invited to attend; please let us know if you plan to come so adequate seating can be arranged.