

E-News

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Upcoming November Events (details below or see Performance Calendar)

Fall Dance Concert	November 19-22
UNCSA Symphony Orchestra	November 22
“Open Dream Ensemble”	November 24
Pancake Supper	November 24
“Chekhov in Yalta”	November 19-22

The following is a brief summary of the November 7, 2008, meeting of the board of The Associates.

Board members and guests were grinning like possums as guest speaker Ryan Wineinger, fourth year student in the School of Design and Production and 2008 Disney summer intern, enthralled us with stories about his summer as a Disney intern. He also entertained us with his reflections on his current work as stage designer for the upcoming “Sunday in the Park with George,” his life after graduation, and his commitment to and passion for the School. His energy, enthusiasm and excitement are palpable, to say the least; it was a marvelous presentation and reminds us of why we love being Associates.

Next was a lengthy discussion of the budget, in light of the current state of the economy. The Associates board agreed to a prudent stance about spending.

The board agreed to provide food for the cast and crew of “The Nutcracker” on December 6 between afternoon and evening performances since they don’t have time to return to campus and use their meal plans. Member-at-large Greta Webel is coordinating the feed; the idea is to purchase sandwiches from Subway and also provide hot pasta with vegetarian sauce, and chips, water and cookies and brownies.

Committee reports were as follows:

Membership Chairman Sharon Applegate reported that the current paid membership is 119, with nine new members. As a cost-cutting measure, the directory was e-mailed to all members for downloading. Only those members who don’t have e-mail will receive printed copies.

The Associates Present Co-chairmen Judy Watson and Joe Frisina discussed the collaboration with the School of Dance, a performance on January 22 at 7:00 p.m. in DeMille Theatre. Invitations will be sent out in early January. They also mentioned the “Behind the Scenes” collaboration with the Giannini Society March 19 featuring a screening of an all-school highlights film about the making of “West Side Story.” The final “Behind the Scenes” is collaboration with the School of Filmmaking and the Nyanya Project in May.

Mozart’s Birthday Party will be held on January 27 at 7:30 in Watson Hall for Associates members and local music teachers and other appropriate guests. This is an add-on event to “Behind the Scenes” and will feature a musical program and a simple reception with birthday cake.

Host Families now has 18 students with host families. The Host Family dinner was held at Tamara's home; 22 people attended, including Vice Chancellor, Student Life Anne White. Students and families enjoyed mingling together in a private setting; it was agreed that occasional off-campus affairs were effective and fun. They are planning an activity for each term for the Host Families and students.

Giannini Liaison Anne Sessions reported that the trip to Chicago was a big success and a valuable way to meet resident alumni. Several of the alumni received Achievement Awards from UNCSA and were fervent in their expressions of gratitude and appreciation of their years at the School.

The Kenan Institute for the Arts "Open Dream Ensemble" invitations for a performance on November 24 at Performance Place have been sent to all members. If you have not received an invitation, please let us know immediately. The first program is at 5 p.m., with a completely different program at 6:30 p.m. A reception will be held between performances.

Member-at-Large Sarah Turner is coordinating an "exam treats" project and needs goodies delivered to the Connector Building on Sunday, November 27, as you will recall from her recent e-mail request.

Member-at-Large Linda Bettis has resigned from the board for personal reasons but will remain a member of The Associates. She hopes to return to the board next year.

UNCSA Liaison Michelle Snow distributed the newly created maps of the campus, which include the just-approved street names. Please come by the development office on Main Street to get your own copy. The map is also on the website: uncsa.edu.

Note: The next meeting of the board is December 2, 2008. All members are invited to attend; please let me know if you're planning to come. There is no guest speaker for December.