

E-News

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Incoming President Tamara Michael welcomed the board of The Associates to the first meeting of the new school year at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts on September 2. Here are the highlights of that meeting.

Membership chairman Sharon Applegate reminded us of the annual fall kickoff September 22; you should have received your invitation last week. To reiterate, the program is a return performance featuring Robert Beseda, who will present several first-year drama students performing their audition monologues. This was such a hit last year we decided not to mess with success. A reception in Performance Place lobby follows, where you'll have a chance to talk with the students. We've opened up this gathering to include members of the Giannini Society and various other groups associated with the School. This is an unusual opportunity to see the students as they begin their training; we won't see them again until their junior year.

You should also have received by e-mail the new membership renewal form and noted the new sustainer category and new volunteer opportunity called Movie Extras. We'll be contacting you with more information about that in e-mails to come. Please send in your dues as soon as possible. Do download the form for use in recruiting new members or call Sharon for hard copies. Forms will also be available at the kickoff. Currently, we have 110 members. Discussion of a new Associates brochure will be taking place before the year is out.

The Associates Present co-chairmen Judy Watson and Joe Frisina are discussing possible programs with the deans of the various schools for "Behind the Scenes" showcasing. Those of you who are long-time members will remember the Mozart's Birthday Party you gave; there's a good chance that will be repeated in 2009. A collaboration with the School of Filmmaking in October is also being explored.

The **Hospitality Committee** is off and running with plans for the fall kickoff in Performance Place Lobby.

Helpmates reports that many hours by many volunteers have been put in over the summer working with the Alumni office on getting their vast accumulation of media coverage of every student who ever graduated from NCSA (now UNCASA) into appropriate personal folders. Assistance has also been given to the Advancement Office.

Host Families produced an updated brochure distributed by Residence Life staff, who will coordinate this program. Residence Life staff report that although they are ahead of previous years as far as getting the program up and running for this year, they're still a little bit behind in assigning families to students.

Beginning this year, **Members at Large**, who are traditionally members new to the board, have been given specific assignments in addition to attendance to regular board meetings. Kay Lord as a new board

has been assigned to Film Locations, which we have incorporated as a regular program of The Associates this year. We listed 28 locations last year, all but one within a 40-mile limit. This year the limit will officially be 40 miles; watch for an e-mail asking if you wish to stay on the list. Kay will be requesting any suggestions for interesting locations around town, which she will photograph and incorporate into a photo database available to students. You'll be hearing more about this in separate e-mails.

There are 15 new faculty and senior administrative staff for which new member Greta Gray Webel prepared and delivered welcome baskets. Sarah Turner and new member Linda Bettis will head the Associates exam-time cookie-baking project; expect phone calls asking for your assistance.

We hope you were able to participate in the ARF effort Tamara distributed last week as a show of support for the students.

Don't forget the BookMarks Festival at Bethabara on September 13; some of our members will be volunteers and UNCISA will have a booth selling UNCISA Press publications.

Nancy Gwyn reminded members of Piedmont Opera's production of "Light in the Piazza" October 10, 12 and 14 and urged members to support this event; many of the participants are faculty and students from UNCISA's Fletcher Opera Institute.

Associates Vice President Carolyn Bailey announced that School of Dance Dean Ethan Steifel will be our October 7 speaker. All members are invited to attend; however, please let Michelle Snow, our UNCISA liaison to the board, if you plan to attend, as seating can be tight.

Until the next [E-News](#)....see you at the kickoff.

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Thanks for your cooperation.