

## WEB VERSION

# Women and Men of Brown

June 2013

Women and Men of Brown welcomes as members all women and men connected with Brown directly or as spouses or partners, including faculty, visitors, administrators, staff, graduate students, and alumni.

### Message from the President

Greetings from the Women and Men of Brown,

Whether you are new to Brown or you have been connected to Brown for many years, but would like to know more about our activities and interest groups, we would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to all of you!

Our organization endeavors to foster community within the Brown community. If one or more of our interest groups sparks your curiosity, contact the president by email at [b\\_kosterlitz@hotmail.com](mailto:b_kosterlitz@hotmail.com) for further information. She will be happy to tell you more and make you feel welcome to attend a meeting.

In addition, we assist new and visiting families to feel at home in the Brown Community.

Our Annual Meetings (fall and spring) are open to all. These are opportunities where members, visitors, and guests come together to visit with old friends and to make new friends. Those meetings have always featured a speaker and the spring meetings also include the presentation of the RUE (Resumed Undergraduate Education) awards.

Our organization also runs a Household Leasing Service which rents furniture at low cost to international graduate students, post docs, RUE students, and visiting faculty. Contact the coordinator Berit Kosterlitz at [b\\_kosterlitz@hotmail.com](mailto:b_kosterlitz@hotmail.com) for further information.

Enjoy the summer wherever you are. Our activities start up again after Labor Day Weekend.

*Berit Kosterlitz*



# WOMEN and MEN of BROWN 2013/2014

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Book Group (Afternoon)	Joseleyne Slade/ Ruth Church
Book Group (Evening)	Lynn Lichtenbaum
Daytrippers	Lynette Charniak Berit Kosterlitz
Dinner Group	Carla Dowben
French	Hai-Lanne Kang
Morning Coffee	Corinne Tan/Gwen Guillet
Shakespeare Thursday Lunch Group	Carla Dowben Lynette Charniak Berit Kosterlitz



## INTEREST GROUPS

### AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

We meet the 1st Thursday of the month at 1:30 pm.  
Below are the books we have chosen for the year:

#### Fall 2013:

September 5: "In the Garden of Beasts" by Erik Larson

October 3: "Finding Noug" by Zoe Ferraris

November 7: "An Equal Music" by Vikram Seth

December 5: "Flight Behavior" by Barbara Kingsolver

#### Spring 2014

January 9: "The Reluctant Fundamentalist" by Mohsin Hamid

February 6: "A Week in December" by Sebastian Faulks

March 6: "Life Itself: A Memoir" by Roger Ebert

April 3: "Olive Kitteridge" by Elizabeth Strout

May 1: "Drift: The Unmooring of American Military Power" by Rachel Maddow

June 5: PICNIC

### EVENING BOOK GROUP

Our meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Here are the books we have chosen for the year:

#### Fall 2013

September 16: "Einstein His Life and Universe" by Walter Isaacs

October 21 "Gaudy Nights" by Dorothy Sayers

November 18 "The Sense of An Ending" by Julian Barnes

**Next newsletter information  
due 20<sup>th</sup> August , 2013**

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### Spring 2014

January 20 "Zoobiquity" by Barbara Natterson-Horowitz and Kathryn Bowers

February 17 "Those Who Save Us" by Jenna Blum

March 17 "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald

April 21 "Then They Came For Me" by Maziar Bahari

May 19 POT LUCK

### DAYTRIPPERS

We normally gather on the second Wednesday of the month for our excursions.

### DINNER GROUP

We enjoy cooking (and eating) wonderful meals. Every month we meet at a different member's home. We've been known to visit restaurants too.

### FRENCH GROUP

We meet monthly to speak French while enjoying coffee and snacks in each other's homes.

### MORNING COFFEE

We continue to meet the first and third Wednesday of every month, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

We have had very good turnouts last year for our gatherings. The conversation is always enjoyable, and the treats provided make it difficult to keep our waistlines trim, but the company is worth it.

During the fall Coffees will be held on:

September 18

October 2 and 16

November 6 and 20

December 4

Would anyone like to host the Nov. 20 Coffee? Please email [corinnetan@yahoo.com](mailto:corinnetan@yahoo.com).

During the spring Coffees will be held on the first and third Wednesdays of February, March and April, and maybe the first Wednesday of May.

Fortunately we have a great core of members who agree to host without committing a lot of time.

No hosts are set as yet for the spring.

### SHAKESPEARE GROUP

We usually meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. We have been reading his plays aloud for years; some plays we've read several times by now, others we never seem to get to. We always enjoy having new people to play the roles, and also to suggest different plays to read.

We hope to start a new **LUNCH GROUP** in the Fall meeting on the last Thursday of each month with the first meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> September..

Anyone can start an interest group. **Bridge?**

**Spanish? A new Walking Group to replace the one we lost.** Contact Berit

Kosterlitz at [b\\_kosterlitz@hotmail.com](mailto:b_kosterlitz@hotmail.com) with particulars if you wish to start a group and have it announced in the newsletter.



### HOUSEHOLD LEASING NEW PEMBROKE DORM 4 BASEMENT

Open most Tuesdays and Fridays 10-12 pm in June. Closed in July. Re-opens Friday August 30 and will be open both Tuesdays and Fridays 10-12 till September 17 then on Tuesdays only.

We rent furniture at an extremely reasonable price to international graduate students and post docs (our primary mission) and also, as a courtesy, to visiting faculty and RUE students.  
Anyone who can help is welcome.

Email: [b\\_kosterlitz@hotmail.com](mailto:b_kosterlitz@hotmail.com) with any questions or concerns

***Sometimes we need help with transportation. If anyone in the WMOB community has access to a pick-up truck to help with the delivery of donated furniture to Household Leasing, please let Berit know.***

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**Return service requested**

**WOMEN AND MEN OF BROWN**

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**2013-2014 Dues    \$25.00 per person                      \$40 Two people at one address**

Please make your check payable to **Women and Men of Brown** and mail it to:

*(You may enclose an optional donation to the RUE award fund.)*

**Treasurer, Women and Men of Brown**

Note: When 2013-2014 dues are paid you will acquire an asterisk after your name. **Please pay your dues if you have not already done so.**