Message from the President

Welcome to the Women & Men of Brown website. If you are new to Brown, a double welcome! We are an organization of people associated with Brown University either directly or through our spouses/partners as alumni, faculty, graduate students and staff. Newcomers and longtime members of the extended Brown community are equally welcome to join. We strive to foster a sense of community at Brown that cuts across disciplinary boundaries.

We offer opportunities to socialize through our annual fall & spring meetings, morning coffees held twice a month, and through interest groups that range from book and dinner groups to foreign language conversation groups, day trips, etc. Any member is welcome to propose new groups. And some previously active groups now in abeyance, such as “Moms/Dads & Tots,” just await new members and leadership.

The WMB also provides service to Brown by raising funds for awards to Resumed Undergraduate Education (RUE) students through our annual spring concert and by running the Household Leasing Service through which we rent furniture at low cost to international graduate students and visiting faculty.

This past year our annual meetings, open to all members, their guests & visitors, gave us a chance to get behind the scenes tours of two marvelous institutions that contribute much to the culture and intellectual life of Brown and Providence: the Providence Athenaeum and the Joukowsky Institute of Archaeology in the recently renovated RI Hall. Historian and WMB past president, Jane Lancaster, gave a fascinating talk about the history of the Athenaeum at our fall meeting and Sue Alcock introduced us to the mission and projects of the JI in the spring. We look forward to more stimulating speakers, friendship and fun this coming year. And we hope you will join us! Have a great summer.

Sincerely,

Nancy D. Houston
WMB President
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2010/2011

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INTEREST GROUPS

AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP
We meet the 1st Thursday of the month at 1:30 pm.

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:
September: “The Elegance of the Hedgehog” by Muriel Barbury
October: “Consequences” by Penelope Lively
November: “The Help” by Kathryn Stockett
January: “Wolf Hall” by Hilary Mantel
February: “Everything That Rises Must Converge” by Flannery O’Connor
March: “Let the Great World Spin” by Colum McCann
April: “The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society” by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

Next newsletter information due 10th August 2010

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

Call or email Lynette 272-8735, lcharniak@hotmail.com; or Berit 351-3526 b_kosterlitz@hotmail.com with questions or to RSVP.

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.

ITALIAN CONVERSATION GROUP
We continue to meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

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.

Coffees are held on the first and third Wednesdays during October, November, December, February, March, and April, and only the first Wednesday of May. Fortunately we have a great core of members who agree to host without committing a lot of time.

The first Coffee of the season will be on October 6 and the second on the 20th.

SHAKESPEARE GROUP
We usually meet on the 3rd 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 play the roles, and also to suggest different plays to read.

WALKING GROUP
Discontinued for the time being. Can always be started up again if someone is interested in starting a new group.

Soon another season will be upon us
Anyone can start an interest group. Bridge?
Spanish? Writing? Contact Berit Kosterlitz at b_kosterlitz@hotmail.com with particulars if you wish to start a group and have it announced in the newsletter.

HOUSEHOLD LEASING
METCALF DORM BASEMENT
Open only on Tuesday 10-noon.
We rent furniture at an extremely reasonable price to international graduate students and faculty (our primary mission) and also, as a courtesy, to visiting faculty and RUE students.
Return service requested

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2010-2011 Dues $25.00 per person $40 Two people at one address
Please make check payable to Women and Men of Brown and mail to:

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

Treasurer, Women and Men of Brown

Note: When 2010-2011 dues are paid you will acquire an asterisk after your name. Please pay your dues if you have not already done so.