Women and Men of Brown welcomes 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,

If you are reading this newsletter and are new to Brown—Welcome!

Our organization endeavors to foster community within the Brown community. We assist new and visiting families to feel at home at Brown.

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

Newcomers might like to know that our Household Leasing Service rents furniture at low cost to international graduate students, post docs, RUE students, and visiting faculty. The office is open on Tuesdays, 10 am – 12 noon, in the lower level of Metcalf dorm throughout the year.

Our website can be reached from the Dean of the Faculty’s website, OISS (the Office of International Scholar & Student Services), the A to Z index, and from the International House website.

Enjoy the long, lazy days of summer wherever you are. Our activities start up again after Labor Weekend.

Berit Kosterlitz
**WOMEN and MEN of BROWN**

**2011/2012**

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**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:

- September: “Crossing to Safety” by Wallace Stegner
- October: “Factory Girls” by Leslie T. Chang
- November: “Ladder of Years” by Anne Tyler
- December: “Still Alice” by Lisa Genova
- January: “A Gate at the Stairs” by Lorrie Moore
- February: “The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks” by Rebecca Skloot
- March: “Caleb’s Crossing” by Geraldine Brooks
- April: “Dancing at the Rascal Fair” by Ivan Doig
- May: “The Lacuna” by Barbara Kingsolver

**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 Imperfectionists” by Tom Rachman
- October: “Swan Thieves” by Elizabeth Kostova
- November: “Nemesis” by Philip Roth
- January: “The Optimist’s Daughter” by Eudora Welty
- February: “Axis Sally” by M. Williams Fuller
- March: “Out Stealing Horses” by Per Petterson
- April: “Caleb’s Crossing” by Geraldine Brooks

**DAYTRIPPERS**

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

During the Fall we hope that at last we will visit the L. M. Alcott house in Concord. We also plan to visit

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some old favorites: the Fuller Craft Museum in Brockton, MA and the Museum of Fine Art in Boston.

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.

No dates are set as yet.

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 to 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 post docs (our primary mission) and also, as a courtesy, to visiting faculty and RUE students. Anyone who can help is welcome. Call Berit Kosterlitz 351-3526

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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2011-2012 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 2011-2012 dues are paid you will acquire an asterisk after your name. Please pay your dues if you have not already done so.