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!

There is always room for more participants in our interest groups. If one or more of our groups sparks your curiosity, contact the president by email at b_kosterlitz@hotmail.com for further information. I 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 feature an interesting speaker and the spring meetings also include the presentation of the RUE (Resumed Undergraduate Education) awards.

Women and Men of Brown 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 for further information.

Enjoy the summer whether you are in Rhode Island or at the other end of the globe.

I look forward to seeing many of you when our activities start up again after Labor Weekend.

Berit Kosterlitz
WOMEN and MEN of BROWN
2014/2015

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INTEREST GROUPS

AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP
We meet the 1st Thursday of the month at 1:30 pm.
We have not chosen the books for the year yet for the year:

Fall 2014:
September 4:
October 2:
November 6:
December 4:

Spring 2015
January 8:
February 5:
March 5:
April 2:
May 7:
June 4: 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 2014
September 22: “The Goldfinch” by Donna Tartt
October 20: “Watermark” by Joseph Brodsky
November 17: “And the Mountains Echoed” by Khaled Hosseini

Spring 2014

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January 19  “A Tale for the Time Being” by Ruth Ozeki
February 16  “Washington Square” by Henry James
March 16  “Dear Life” by Alice Munro
April 20  “The Invention of Wings” by Sue Monk
May 18  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.

LUNCH BUNCH
We usually have lunch at one of the many restaurants in the Providence area. We meet at noon on the fourth Thursday of each month.

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 are held on:
September 17, October 1 and 15, November 5 and 19, December 3.
During the spring they are usually 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 dates are set as yet for the spring.

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.

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 with particulars if you wish to start a group and have it announced in the newsletter.

HOUSEHOLD LEASING
NEW PEMBROKE DORM 4 BASEMENT
Open Tuesdays and Fridays 10-12 pm till June 16. Closed in July. Re-opens Tuesday September 2 and will be open both Tuesdays and Fridays 10-12 till September 19 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 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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2014-2015 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 2014-2015 dues are paid you will acquire an asterisk after your name. Please pay your dues if you have not already done so.