Message from the President

Greetings from the Women and Men of Brown,

New to Brown or old members alike – if you would like to know more about our upcoming activities and interest groups, read the summer newsletter!

We are always happy to add more members. 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 new and visiting international families are welcome to contact our organization so we can help you to feel at home in the Brown Community.

Our Annual Meeting in the spring is open to all. This is an opportunity where members, visitors, and guests come together to visit with old friends and to make new friends. The Spring Meeting features an interesting speaker and also includes the presentation of the RUE (Resumed Undergraduate Education) awards.

Women and Men of Brown 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 2015:
October 1: “The Invention of Wings” by Sue Monk Kidd
November 5: “Etta, and Otto and Russell and James” by Emma Hooper
December 3: “The Round House: A Novel” by Louise Erdrich

Spring 2016
January 7: “The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics” by Daniel James Brown
February 4: “Gateway to Freedom” by Eric Foner
March 3: “Independent People” by Halldor Laxness
April 7: “All the Light We Cannot See” by Anthony Doerr
May 5: “My Brilliant Friend” by Elena Ferrante
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 2015
September 21: “All the Light We Cannot See” by Anthony Doerr
October 19: “The Sandcastle Girls” by Chris Bohjalian
November 16: “Midnight’s Children” by Salman Rushdie

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February 15: “The Remains of the Day” by Kazuo Ishiguro

March 21: “The Flame Flickers” by Gail Gilkey

April 18: “My name is Mary Sutter” by Robin Oliveira

May 16: POT LUCK and choosing of books

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 16 Corinne Tan’s home
October 7 Loretta Rice’s home
November TBA
December TBA

During the academic year they are usually held on the first and third Wednesdays of in the Fall and Spring.

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

No dates are yet set for October 21, November 4, 18, and for the second semester. Please contact Corinne Tan if you would like to host.

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. 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
Closed in July. Re-opens Tuesday September 1 and will be open both Tuesdays and Fridays 10-12 till September 18 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

We do not help with transportation but will advise you about local rental agencies.
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2015-2016 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 2015-2016 dues are paid you will acquire an asterisk after your name. Please pay your dues if you have not already done so.