

TWC Quarterly Meeting December 2, 2006

Attendance Veronica Berry, Dianne Calhoun, Betsy Clark, Debi Faust, Ruth Glenn, Vicky Gonzales, Birgit Halliday, Kathy Hoover, Vanessa Howard, Debbie Johnson, Penny Mastin, Angela Powell Moore, Marguerite Purchio, Angela Quast, Janet St. John, Lorni Sharrow, Carolyn Washburn, Millie Wilson

Call-to-Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m.

Introductions

Dianne welcomed the group and introductions were made by going around the circle and giving names, year of graduation and, in the spirit of Thanksgiving, “what everyone is grateful for”.

Meeting Guidelines

Dianne went over the meeting guidelines—be respectful of others, limit sidebar conversations, stay focused on the agenda and limit time for updates to 10 minutes per committee, if possible.

DU Alumni Council Updates (Carolyn Washburn)

A reminder was given about open houses that are conducted before DU hockey games. The purpose of the open houses is to get alumni back on campus. Attendance is free for alumni and their guests and is sponsored by DU affinity groups. An open house is scheduled for this evening at the Leo Block Alumni Center. Lorni was asked if TWCAA could similarly sponsor an alumnae open house at the Chambers Center. She was enthusiastic about the opportunity to have a girls’-night-out activity. Consideration was given to buying tickets to DU hockey games. Although most hockey games are sold out, there may be blocked seats for groups. Further investigation would need to be made online. One benefit of pursuing these ideas is to provide additional exposure of TWC.

A campus-wide alumni college weekend is an event being scheduled for October 5-7, 2007. This will not be in conjunction with parents weekend, as in the past. A speaker is currently being arranged as well as other events including a Saturday night dinner gala and a Sunday brunch. Saturday educational opportunities, or pseudo classes similar to those held during the TWCAA reunion in 2005, may also be scheduled. Lorni proposed the possibility of holding a TWCAA dinner on the Friday night preceding the weekend festivities. If anyone has ideas for other types of activities alumnae may want to participate in or to volunteer, please contact Carolyn.

TWC Update (Lorni Sharrow)

Dean Mike Bloom was at lunch today to interact with students and alumnae before the upcoming end of her tenure. She plans to stay on for another year on a half-time basis to write TWC history. A search for a new Dean is ongoing with interviews scheduled in February with a decision made by March or April. Lorni has subsequently been appointed

interim dean. Birgit Halliday, Executive Assistant to the Dean, has been with TWC for eight months and will be assisting Lorni in her new duties. Dianne Calhoun also helps Lorni in any areas related to alumnae activities and reminders.

Lorni announced that the academic calendar has been changed for the benefit of teaching and learning experiences for students as well as other benefits. Upcoming schedules will consist of two weekends together—one weekend off, two on, one off, two on, then a final. The back-to-back weekends are beneficial for confirming learning and the last weekend off is to provide time to study for finals. The schedule adds consistency and also adds an additional week in the summer. Additionally, more time off between quarters allows for a nicer break. More inter-term classes are also being offered.

TWC items are for sale at the TWC store. There are portfolios with embossing, brief bags, travel mugs, etc. that can be purchased directly from TWC. The DU bookstore wasn't selling what TWC wanted, so these items will be available for purchase during class weekends in room 120 here at The Chambers Center. The TWC Student Advisory Board will be doing a website showcasing these items.

There is a new project underway called the Narrative Project. It is for students and alumnae to leave their story. The medium is digital video and a part time person will be available to help students learn the equipment. This will be a follow up to the story started and in the computer in the Chambers Center entry. InHerFootsteps.org just launched in support of this.

The annual Hanging of the Greens Ceremony will be on December 16th. There is a new tradition for seniors only—White Glove Night. It is an opportunity for seniors to interact as well as decorate their greens in preparation for the evening ceremony. Colorado Women's College alumnae are now invited. This year there will be something special to commemorate Dean Mike Bloom. Volunteers are needed for both White Glove Night as well as for the Hanging of the Greens event. Lorni hopes all who can attend will join in the evening.

Committee/Activity Updates

- **Update for TWCAA (Dianne Calhoun).** Only two groups have not yet gotten their reports in. Kudos to TWCAA, because much has been done this year.
- **Secretary Updates (Betsy Clark).** Correspondence Secretary duties, also known as “Care and Concern”, includes getting cards out to alumnae who have suffered a setback or have something to celebrate. Betsy will get a list together of who has received cards and why so that the alumnae association will be apprised of their peers. Betsy and Janet St. John will get together to get something for the newsletter.
- **Events (Ruth Glenn and Angela Quast).** The Fall Brunch, held on October 14th, had the largest attendance to date. Dean Mike Bloom gave an inspiring speech. Questionnaires went out in the fall requesting ideas of what women's events to do. Ruth organized a lady's-night-out of dancing on November 17th. Although attendance was few, those who came had a good time. There will be one more event before the Spring Brunch on May 5th. Ruth and Angela will be looking into more options after

the first of the year. Presently, they are considering the play “Hats”, which is now at Denver Civic Theater, the same theatre where “Menopause the Musical” played. Women may be more interested in matinees that are also less expensive. Downtown events are another consideration for future outings. The cooking classes, another suggested activity, were priced at \$60 and up. More calls will be made to some of the cooking schools for more alternatives. Some new hotels have restaurants with a Chef’s Table where customers sit at a table in the kitchen and mostly have tastings. Bowling night is also being considered—just a night, not a league. One third of respondents requested a bowling activity. Friday nights for activities, however, appear to be tough to get participation. Getting women to attend alone is difficult. Happy hour may be another possibility. There is a problem with scholarship winners attending the Spring Brunch since it is not on a class weekend. If you are able to help with the Spring Brunch, please let Angela or Ruth know.

- Communication (Janet St. John). The November issue of the TWCAA Newsletter was the biggest issue we’ve had—five pages in length. A blurb is needed for: the Alumnae College Weekend, the TWC store, the narrative project, InHerFootsteps.org, and Care and Concern Corner. If anyone wants to participate in writing in the alumnae corner, she will work with them. The TWC newsletter will now be only bi-yearly, not quarterly. Janet requests that you think ahead three to four months so items will be published in a timely manner. The next newsletter out will be in January. Please send any updates to her as soon as possible. She will be putting the newsletter together the first week of January.
- Mentoring (Vicky Gonzales and Marguerite Purchio). Vicki reported that there are 18 mentoring protégées and mentors—the largest group yet. For this year, they did not match women according to major, but let them match themselves. This plan worked out well and had more personality. Additionally, everyone was receptive to the change. A wine and cheese meeting is scheduled for January 19th and they will also meet in the spring before the end of the year. Many thanks to those who took two protégées.
- Community Involvement (Kathy Hoover will be taking over this committee from Maggy Traynom). The Community Activities Committee has mostly completed their scheduled activities for this year with participation in the Race for the Cure in October and again sharing the 9Cares Colorado Shares participation with a DU alumni group. Both were successful activities with huge numbers participating in both events—the Race for the Cure with over 66,000 people and close to a million dollars raised towards finding a cure and the 9Cares having a record-breaking event with “184 Tons, \$104,000 Collected for Less Fortunate Coloradoans” resulting from this drive. Thanks to all who participated for giving of your time and items if you brought things into the drive, as well. Additionally, the TWCAA can piggy-back on DU Volunteer Days, which will occur in late April.
- Scholarships (Shirley Seitz and Patricia Howard). The Scholarship Committee will meet in early January to begin planning for the 2007 scholarships. The committee awarded four scholarships in 2006 and will explore additional fund raising methods. Some alumnae have been regular contributors. Monies are accumulated throughout the year. Currently there is a call-in campaign going on for nominations. The entire process will be completed by mid-March in time for the Spring Brunch

announcement. Also, a flyer will be handed out at the brunch giving information about the current and past winners in order to promote future giving. It is intended that monies collected from the sale of school items at the TWC Store will go toward scholarships.

- **Book Club** (Karen Mauler and Dana Conroy). The book club is meeting in two locations—at the Denver Tech Center as well as downtown Denver. They just completed reading “Wicked” and approximately 6 to 8 people are participating. Currently, the group is reading three small books: Gift from the Sea by Anne Morrow Lindbergh, For One More Day by Mitch Albom and Marley and Me by John Grogan. The book club now meets on the second Saturday of the month so they will now have a consistent meeting date. The club is skipping the December meeting.
- **Archives Committee** (Bonney Armstrong). Photos taken at the fall brunch will be given to Janet St. John to be published in the newsletter.
- **Alumnae/Student Relations-Recruitment** (Veronica Berry reporting for Flo Day). The committee is trying to get together a cruise for October 21st or November 4th, 2007. The goal is to raise funds for the scholarship fund. There would possibly be a guest speaker on the trip. The cruise would be for seven nights leaving Los Angeles and visiting Mazatlan, Puerto Vallarta and Cabo San Lucas. Prices would range, depending on accommodations, from the mid-\$600’s for an interior room to mid-\$700’s for an outside room and to mid-\$800’s for a room with a balcony. The rates include cabin and meals as well as a private cocktail party.
- **Outstanding Alumnae Awards** (Dianne Calhoun reporting for Karen Mauler). Nominations are accepted year-around and can be made online. Simply fill out the form and email to Karen. Anyone who has graduated from TWC is eligible.

Update of Operating Guidelines (Dianne Calhoun reporting for Kristene Elmore)

The TWCAA Handbook is in the final development stage and will be made available to all TWCAA committee members on our website by the end of the first quarter of 2007. The Handbook (taking our cue from other women’s colleges) is a neatly arranged resource for each TWCAA committee to use in planning their specific events and to achieve each committee’s unique goals. Because each committee’s goals vary depending on the focus of the committee, the guidelines in this handbook are tailored to meet the needs of each individual committee. Our fellow alumnae sisters serving on the different committees have generously written their policies and guidelines, procedures and templates so that the Handbook has become a complete resource for each new member joining any TWCAA committee. Thanks to each of you for completing the template with your committee’s procedures. We now have a living document to help us continue to grow in this process as well as hopefully grow the TWCAA membership. Ruth made a recommendation that possibly a staff liaison would be needed for all committees operation guidelines in order to document logistics.

Caring Community (Dianne Calhoun reporting for Kristene Elmore)

Kristene wants to wait on this report until she has a chance to think it through a bit more.

Round Table Discussion—New Business

- It was re-iterated that help is needed for the Hanging of the Greens Ceremony.

- Discussion was initiated to offer reinforcement to new graduates to encourage them to walk at graduation.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Clark, Co-Secretary