IT’S FALL, AND YOU CAN FEEL ELECTRICITY IN THE AIR. ESPECIALLY ON CAMPUS.
Faculty are rushing around trying to get up to speed after two months of summer, the staff is working double-time to meet the needs of returning faculty and students. And the students are back, determined to complete their degree requirements. Those who are new to campus arrive wide-eyed and eager, full of enthusiasm and often hopelessly lost. (I was once asked for directions to a lecture hall with an unfamiliar name – turned out it was at the University of SF, not SFSU. I always wondered how well that student did in his classes, or if he ever found them.)

Over the summer, The University Women’s Association awarded SEVEN scholarships for 2017-18, one more than last year, largely because of your generous contributions. (See page 2 & 3.) We had another excellent museum tour, “Degas, Impressionism, and the Millinery Trade”. And we have scheduled several unique and fun events for the months ahead. Read the Reviews and Previews elsewhere in this newsletter. Best wishes to everyone for a happy and successful fall.

APPLE HARVEST COOKING CLASS
Monday, October 16
11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
Sur La Table, Union Street, SF
$69/Person

Whether you are a fantastic cook or a novice, you can always learn something new in a professional, hands-on cooking class – like this one. We have reserved a dozen spaces for our UWA group in this cooking class at Sur La Table on Union Street in SF. Working in groups of four, we will prepare a tasty menu featuring apples in every course. The best part is that we get to sample everything we cook – so we will NOT go away hungry. Please see the enclosed flyer for details and reservation information. Space is extremely limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis – so make your reservations early. FYI, I will be away on the UWA cruise and beyond, for the entire month of September. If you have any questions, please contact me via email rather than phone, at linivory@comcast.net.

FALL IS A TIME FOR RENEWAL.
Please take a moment today to renew your membership in the University Women’s Association. A membership renewal form is attached. We need and appreciate your support.

I can smell AUTUMN dancing In the breeze.
The sweet chill of PUMPKIN and Crisp Sunburnt LEAVES.
AND THE WINNERS ARE....

The single most important thing we do as an organization is to provide scholarships to promising SFSU students in need of financial assistance. The winning students are selected each year by a Scholarship Committee, chaired by Annie Antler. Connie Tallerico serves as the Scholarship Administrative Coordinator. Committee members include Donna Ryan, Bettie Barnes, and Tom Spencer. The Gloria Spencer UWA Scholarship was named in honor of Tom’s wife just prior to her passing in 2006. Gloria dedicated many years to this cause, and ultimately reached her goal of establishing a source of funding for student scholarships that could be sustained on interest alone. That fund now exceeds $200,000. Thanks to generous contributions from members like you, the University Women’s Association has been able to increase the number of scholarships again this year, from six to seven, for $1,200 each. One student, Anna Foulger, is designated as the recipient of the Robert and Noreen Stollberg Scholarship – made possible by a contribution from Noreen Stollberg in memory of her husband, Robert, who was a faculty member and administrator in Physics & Astronomy from 1949 – 1980. We are pleased to present the UWA Scholarship Recipients for 2017-2018 (listed in alphabetical order.)

TJA ALTERGOTT  
GRADUATE, NURSING-MS

Tija is currently redeveloping her career objectives. Working as a veterinary technician has allowed her to “feed sharks, train snow leopards, perform critical care for countless pets, and share [her] desk space with a penguin.” But on a volunteer trip to the Galapagos islands working with Darwin Animal Doctors, it became clear to her that pet owners were also in need of health services. She refocused on becoming a public health nurse, concentrating on aid to underserved local communities as well as global health issues. She has volunteered with animal rescue and rehab facilities since childhood, as well as organizations that provide aid to homeless children. She is the daughter of a single mother on welfare and has had to finance her education entirely on her own, working three jobs while maintaining an excellent GPA. In addition to her academic excellence, her instructor says she “manifests qualities that cannot be learned in books, such as integrity, compassion, caring, and an excellent work ethic” . . . as well as being “determined, persistent, energetic, [and] enthusiastic....”

ANAIIS KUDEJA CISCO
GRADUATE, CINEMA-MFA

Anais is a first-year MFA student at SFSU, and she has already made an impression on her faculty and fellow students. Her instructor describes her as a “treasure”, and ranks her in the top 1 – 3 students she has ever taught – including thousands of students at UC campuses and Stanford. Anais’s aim as a filmmaker is “to produce critical work that focuses on the experiences of underrepresented racial, ethnic, gendered, and queer ‘minorities’ in the U.S.” Her inspiration is from key influential filmmakers as well as “my own personal experience as a Queer Black woman.” She is motivated by the “political energy, cinematic aesthetics, and collaborative ethos of certain filmmakers.” During her last year as an undergrad, she founded the Ethnic Media Collective at Queens College, working with students across a range of majors, helping to organize weekly meetings that featured master classes, lectures by filmmakers and film scholars, field trips to local museums and film festivals. Her instructor says that she “seizes every opportunity” by attending local conferences, volunteering and participating at the most compelling cultural productions in San Francisco.

ANNA FOULGER
SENIOR, BIOLOGY (ZOOLOGY)-BS
STOLLBERG SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Anna wants to help animals in need. More specifically, her aim is “to have a career in conservation of endangered species, sustainability and/or rehabilitation.” She believes that “especially during these difficult environmental times, we need strong educated people to stand up for the endangered species and the environment.” She is currently a volunteer for the Rescue and Response Team at the Marine Mammal Center, and she volunteered at the Marin Humane Society for four years, in addition to other community service. When her father passed away unexpectedly three years ago, it left Anna and her mother in a difficult financial situation. This scholarship will help to offset some of her expenses so that she can complete her degree on time.
Qiting Huang
Junior, Social Work-BA

Qiting is a recent immigrant from China who knows first-hand how difficult it is to adjust to life in a different country. “I was so lost” she says. She was not fluent in English, and she had problems finding a job to support herself and difficulty keeping up in school. Social workers helped her with this transition, and she was inspired to become a social worker herself, especially one who can help immigrants like herself adapt to their new environment. She worked hard at City College and maintained a 3.7 GPA, which she has continued since transferring to SFSU. She volunteered for Project Shine, tutoring the elderly for their citizenship exams. Her academic advisor describes her as “a highly motivated student, interested in giving back to the community; helping others as she was helped.”

Rosella Inzunza-Madrigal
Junior, Communicative Disorders-BA

Rosella is a highly motivated student with a major in Communicative Disorders and a double minor in Education and Special Education. Her dream is “to become a Speech Language Pathologist to help others find their voice.” Her main source of inspiration is her brother, who was born with a disability resulting in a speech impairment. What her family wants the most is to be able to communicate with him, and Rosella’s goal is to achieve the skills that will enable her to help him as well as others like him. Her mother cannot work because she needs to care for her brother, and there are two other children at home. The family struggles financially, and Rosella wants to be financially independent so that she does not place further burdens on them. Her Special Ed Instructor strongly recommends her for a scholarship, saying she demonstrates “community involvement, high academic achievement, and a commitment to better understanding individuals with disabilities.”

Kaitlyn Ledabrand
Graduate, Nursing-MS

After three years working as a full-time research associate in an HIV lab at UCSF, Kaitlyn decided to return to school to pursue a career in Nursing. While volunteering in both the Postpartum and Nursery Intensive Care Units at John Muir Medical Center, she observed that nurses spent more time with patients and their families than any other point of contact. “They were compassionate, educated, and well trained for holistic approaches to care, but above all else they understood the human condition. It was at this point that I recognized nurses are the backbone of healthcare and I began to pursue nursing for my future vocation.” She is financing her own education, and says that the UWA Scholarship will provide her with “the precious gift of uninterrupted education. . . .”

Hilda Loury
Graduate, Philosophy-MA

Hilda is a first-generation college student, born into a family of refugees from the Middle East. Her mother worked two jobs to make ends meet. By the age of 7, Hilda parents had divorced and Hilda saw her mother pushed to the limits to feed her children. Hilda describes the determination of her parents as “the pillars of my motivation.” She struggled with discrimination from classmates and substance abuse throughout her teens. This behavior continued into community college, where she enrolled in her first philosophy course and learned about ethics, world religions, and critical thinking. She declared her major as philosophy. “Through the inner fire and guidance of my parents, professors, and mentors” she worked her way into UCLA where “she embarked on a journey of challenging and deep emotional and spiritual work . . .” She says she “rewrote the story of her life from the perspective of depression and victimhood into the narrative of fierce and fearless woman who rose from the fire she had created herself.” In her first year as a graduate student at SFSU she has maintained a 4.0 average. Based on strong recommendations from UCLA faculty, Hilda was appointed as a Teaching Assistant in her first semester on our campus, and she received outstanding student evaluations. As a testament to the maturity of her philosophical thought and her writing and argumentation skills, she has had a paper accepted for presentation at Columbia University’s prestigious Seminar in Visual Intelligence. She plans to pursue a PhD in Philosophy, and the UWA Scholarship will allow her to work fewer hours and give her more time for her studies.
DINING IN” AT NORDY
Old-Timers and Retirees will remember “Dining Out,” a group of UWA members and friends who met every few months for cocktails at a member’s home and then went to dinner together to a local restaurant. At some point, the group began meeting monthly at Nordstrom Café in Stonestown for lunch in lieu of dinner, on the first Tuesday of each month at 11:30. Nordstrom is a convenient location with easy parking and an inexpensive café. You are invited to join the group for lunch. To be added to the e-mail reminder list, please contact Kay McGough at krmcgough@comcast.net. Reminders are sent out once a month, a week prior to lunch. And we ask for RSVPs so that we will have enough tables and chairs to accommodate everyone. It’s informal and casual, with no agenda – just a pleasant gathering of friends. Please join us.

Pre-Cruise Party
GETTING INTO A PARTY MOOD!

YOU MISSED THE BOAT!
At the end of August, sixteen of us will set sail from Rome to Venice on the 22nd UWA Scholarship Cruise. We will be aboard Oceania’s beautiful “Sirena” (pictured), and I can already imagine us at sunset, sipping cocktails on deck before an extravagant multi-course dinner. We got together for a pre-cruise party this past weekend in San Anselmo, at the home of Lin & Bob Ivory.

“DEGAS, Impressionism, and the Paris Millinery Trade.” Twelve of us participated in the UWA Private Docent-led tour on July 28, and it was one of my personal favorites.

Our NEXT event will be the APPLE HARVEST COOKING CLASS on October 16 – but you already knew that. (See attached flyer.)

For the animal lovers among us, we will be taking a private tour of the “GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND” facility in San Rafael on Saturday, November 11, followed by an (optional) Guide Dog graduation ceremony. What could be better than a doggie commencement! Save the date – and watch for the detailed announcement and your opportunity to sign up, in the NEXT newsletter.

And of course, we will end the fall semester with our annual Holiday Luncheon at the St. Francis Yacht Club in San Francisco. Save the date: Saturday, December 2, at 11:30. You won’t want to miss this, our most festive event of the year. More about this end-of-semester celebration at a later date.