I am probably not the only one who wonders where the summer went. How can it be fall semester already? Hopefully the time flew because we were having so much fun. Many of my friends (including some of the UWA Board members) “summered” in Europe or other far away places. When people went on vacation back in the day, we left messages on their answering machines that went unanswered for weeks or months until they returned home. But now we TEXT friends and get immediate responses from all over the world, messages that begin “I am sitting at a sidewalk café in Paris” or “on safari” or “basking on a beach” (wait, that was me!) It’s a reminder that there is life after the university (or at least in between semesters.) But everyone is back now: rested, relaxed, and hopefully ready for another challenging and rewarding academic year. The students are back too – take a moment to read a few inspiring student success stories – about the UWA Scholarship recipients for 2016-17, in this newsletter. Happy fall to us all: students, faculty, staff, administrators, and retirees.

**HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY TO THE UWA!**

As you return to campus to begin the fall semester, the UWA embarks on another academic year as well – for the 70th time. We began in 1946 thanks to the efforts of a small group of determined faculty wives, and we have been serving the university ever since, in a variety of ways. Our founders began by sewing curtains for the new dorms; now we provide scholarships for students, social and educational opportunities for faculty and staff, and assist at campus-wide events as well. We have raised money for scholarships since 1992 with fundraisers and cruises. In all that time, we have never received funding from the university. Our small operating budget depends entirely on dues and contributions from wonderful people like you. And we are thankful for the hard-working volunteers who serve on the UWA Board to keep us moving ahead. A Membership Renewal form is included in this newsletter for your convenience. Thank you now, and over the decades, for your continued support and contributions.

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  Save the date, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, for the Holiday Luncheon. Always the highlight of the UWA year, the celebration this year will be at the Saint Francis Yacht Club – an elegant setting with a spectacular bay view. Don’t miss it! Watch for details in the next newsletter.

**Finally, we have a date and time for our private tour of the new SF MOMA:** MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 10:30 A.M.

Please see the enclosed flyer for details and reserve ASAP. We expect this to be a very popular event, and space is limited.
The UWA Board was pleased to increase the number of scholarships awarded this year from five to six, for $1,200 each. The Gloria Spencer UWA Scholarship Fund is an endowment fund; only the interest is used each year for scholarships, while the principal generates funding for future awards. Gloria established this fund during her presidency in the late 1980’s, and it grew to nearly $98,000 during her lifetime, largely because of her tireless efforts and dedication. She was one of the people who came up with the seemingly crazy idea of having cruises to generate money for scholarships – a tradition that has continued nearly every year since 1992. The scholarship fund was named in Gloria’s honor shortly before her passing in 2006.

Gloria was the first and only Scholarship Chair during her lifetime. Annie Antler now chairs the committee, and its members include Bettie Barnes, Donna Ryan, and Tom Spencer; Connie Tallerico is our Scholarship Opportunity Administrator. Thanks to all of them for their efforts reading and evaluating the applications and overseeing the process. **Thanks especially to all of YOU who have made scholarship contributions over the years, and to those of you who have cruised with us, resulting in a fund that now totals more than $170,000.**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the six recipients of the Gloria Spencer UWA Scholarships for 2016-2017, each and every one a winner!

**ALMA CEJA**
*Graduate Student, Marine Science*

As a child, Alma frequented the Monterey Bay Aquarium and was fascinated by “the elegantly floating creatures behind what looked like a television imbedded in the walls.” Those childhood visits had a tremendous impact on her, and her early curiosity and fondness of marine life and science resulted in her pursuit of a master’s degree in Marine Science. Her goal is “to address the issue of how the ecology of the earth’s intertidal zones may alter under the stresses of climate change.” She hopes to generate mathematical models to predict the population dynamics of a key intertidal zone species, the northern California porcelain crab. She is eager to continue both learning and teaching in the areas of her research while pursuing a PhD, ultimately returning to the CSU as a faculty member and research scientist. Alma is a first year Master’s student currently working in a laboratory at the Romberg Tiburon Center on the mathematical modeling project described above. Her professor at the Romberg Center says this about her: “Ms. Alma Ceja is a talented Hispanic American female who has chosen an important and practical field of study at the intersection of mathematics and biology, which is a huge area for growth at present. She is poised for success in her graduate studies, and I have great hopes that she will become an influential member of the research community.”

**MORGAN DUCEY**
*Graduate Student, Nursing*

Morgan describes her family life growing up as being full of love and support. Her mother and grandmother told her and her sisters that they could do anything they set their hearts and minds to, and “instilled us with the value of optimism, perseverance, and compassion, especially in times of struggle.” She didn’t realize how fortunate she was until she began studying public health as an undergraduate student at SFSU. Once she understood that other young women did not have the same kind of supportive home environment, she wanted to become an “advocate for their empowerment and health equity” and help other women feel good about their bodies. As a nurse, she hopes “to tackle societal and systematic issues that suppress women seeking healthcare, especially women from marginalized communities.” She believes that pregnancy and childbirth should be “an empowering experience” and ultimately Morgan wants to “support this empowerment through the promotion of social justice and cultural humility as a nurse-midwife.” Until then, she is studying to become a birth doula: “someone who provides continuous emotional and physical support to women before, during,
and after labor.” Her nursing Professor believes Ms. Ducey has great potential as a nurse leader because her “dedication to health education, nutrition and women’s health is strong…” and “…she is intelligent, organized and kind.”

**MARYAM KHAN**

*Graduate Student, Engineering*

Maryam Khan says her father is the reason she became interested in engineering. She describes him as a “Jack of all Trades” -- an electrical technician who is always working on projects, fixing things around the house and for friends. Maryam grew up watching and helping him work on these projects, and because of that experience she believed she could become an engineer. She focused on Structural Engineering because the final product “serves more than just a person, civil structures serve the community.” Her current research project is Real Time Hybrid Simulation, which is a method of structural testing that combines physical testing and analytical modeling. This method offers a more efficient and affordable way to examine the response of structures under seismic activity than the standard means of structural testing. She says “There is a global need for smarter and more resilient structures to not only withstand seismic magnitudes but to also satisfy the rise in population.” In addition, Maryam wants to give back to the local community by her involvement in programs aimed at interesting young women in engineering. While pursuing her studies, she has been involved in a variety of workshops and projects in engineering for young women, including Science Fairs, and “Build it” projects with the Society of Women Engineers and Girl Scouts. One of her Professors in the School of Engineering describes her as “...a highly motivated and hard working student who has made a deep impression on me through her outstanding academic achievements.”

**ERICA LEVYA**

*Junior, Psychology*

Erica has a strong sense of the need for children to be loved and supported, and she chose School Psychology as her emphasis because she wants to be in a position to provide children with a supportive environment. She says her most rewarding moments are when she is working with children and can see a change for the better. “As a school psycologist I will be in a position to affect policies and procedures that intimately affect each child in my care....Each child positively impacted is a person who will benefit society greatly.” Erica was raised by a single mother who was not always able to guide and support her in her own childhood. She has long been without the financial support of her family to help pay for her education and consequently she is continuing her education at this time after a 10 year hiatus. Her instructor notes that “There are students who are fortunate enough to know what career they want, and focus on executing what is required to reach that goal. There are other students who look outside their program for inspiration. Erica Leyva is both.”

**NICHOLAS NEWTON**

*Graduate Student, Women and Gender Studies*

Nicholas is a gay man who grew up in a “homophobic farm town.” Sexuality Studies helped him “unpack the discrimination in [his] own life.” He adds “There was power in knowing that I was not broken nor alone in my struggles.” His experience as a Teaching Assistant in an undergraduate Human Sexuality Course gave him the opportunity to inspire students around him and watch them grow as scholars. He feels at home in the classroom, and he plans on obtaining his MA in Human Sexuality Studies in Spring 2017, and then entering a Ph.D. program. His professional goal is to become a university professor. Due to financial hardships, he has had to work extra shifts to fund his graduate education. The UWA Scholarship will provide additional resources that will allow him to focus on taking a full course load, and enable him to maintain a competitive GPA while completing his Master’s thesis. His Professor says Nicholas is among the most committed and deserving students he has advised since he joined the faculty in 2001. “He is an exciting student and scholar, and his record as an undergraduate and graduate student suggest few students would make better use of scholarship funding.”
KIMBERLY PATON  
*Graduate Student, Classics*

Kimberly says she is seeking a graduate degree in Classics because she has “experienced the incredible benefits that a Classical education has to offer – critical thinking; problem-solving; research, synthesis, and analysis of information; written communication; and reading comprehension.” Her goal is “to integrate a Classical education into the primary and secondary public school system in California....” And she plans to establish an afterschool Latin program where Latinists of High School age and older introduce the Latin language and Roman culture through spoken, reading, and writing exercises and games to younger students. She is currently gaining experience working part-time as a private Ancient Greek teacher and ACT and SAT verbal instructor, and she has unpaid commitments with various Classics associations and honor societies both on- and off-campus. Her professor has this to say: “Kimberly is, in a word, superlative, as a student and future teacher of Classics, and as an exceedingly active presence on campus and beyond. She is wholly deserving of this scholarship.”

**THE 2017 UWA SCHOLARSHIP CRUISE SETS SAIL ONE YEAR FROM TODAY, ON AUGUST 30, 2017.**

**BREAKING NEWS:** You can sign up for the cruise and receive all advertised O’Life Amenities until **SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**! (Don’t know if they extended the deadline or if we were just misinformed, but the end result is GOOD NEWS for you: You can still sign up and receive free Wi-Fi, plus your choice of 4 free shore excursions, a free beverage package, or a shipboard credit of $400/person.)

The 12-Day 2017 UWA Scholarship Cruise from Rome to Venice, begins **August 30, 2017.** Check out the flyer on our website, [uwa.sfsu.edu](http://uwa.sfsu.edu), for the exciting details, including the 11 fabulous ports in 6 countries. We have 14 on board so far: Jessica & Buzz Beatty, Lily Gee & Nancy Noble, Elogeanne & Gene Grossman, Lin & Bob Ivory, Betty & Cecilia Lam, Sheila McClear & Sam Zaif, Arline & Jim Van Ness. At this time, we only need one additional person to generate a scholarship! **You could be that person!** This Oceania ship, the Sirena, accommodates only 684 passengers, and we expect the cruise to sell out. With each person who signs up, the selection of staterooms becomes more and more limited. Don’t miss the boat. Sign up today and be on board when we set sail one year from now.

Pictured above are 4 of the 8 foodies who joined us for the **GOURMET WALK OF HAYES VALLEY** in June: Donna Ryan, Tour Guide Nicole, Sheila McClear, and Stephanie Schwartz. (Not pictured: Arline & Jim Van Ness and Lin & Bob Ivory.) Nicole could not have been a more knowledgeable or enjoyable guide, taking us to many small and wonderful eateries while pointing out other favorite places not on our itinerary, for future reference. These tours are small and expensive--and always worth every dime. We plan on offering more of these “foodie” tours. If you love to eat, do not miss the next one – maybe in the spring??
The UWA receives no budget from the university, and we are dependent entirely on membership dues and contributions for financial support. We are very grateful to those of you who have supported us for many years, as well as to our newer members. Annual scholarship cruises and individual member contributions provide funding for student scholarships each year. Our social events throughout the year provide opportunities for members of the campus community to meet and participate in a variety of entertaining and educational activities both on- and off-campus, and members receive advance notice of all of these activities through our newsletter and announcements. Please join us for some of our upcoming events, maybe even the next scholarship cruise – Rome to Venice beginning August 30, 2017. Please take a moment to fill out this form and mail your check(s) to Connie Tallerico, UWA Membership Coordinator, at the address printed below. Tell your friends about us, and encourage them to join us too, both as members and for our events. We appreciate your support!

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