Woo hoo! It’s summer. Most of us have an idea about how we are going to spend the next couple of months, but what about next year? I know what I’m doing. I’m going on a cruise. The 22nd Almost Annual UWA Scholarship Cruise. And I’d love to have you join me!

Six of us decide where the UWA Cruises will go each year—the same six who have been on virtually every UWA cruise. Once we decide on a destination, we encourage everyone we know to join us – the more people who sign up, the more dollars we generate for budding scholars at SFSU. When we began looking for cruises for 2017, we were literally all over the map with ideas. We thought about cruises to Hawaii, along the Eastern seaboard of the U.S., to and around Great Britian, Scandinavia, and even cruises in far-away Asian countries. Discussions went on for weeks, and we began to think we would never agree on any one cruise. Then someone suggested an Oceania cruise called “ADRIATIC EMBRACE.” And within minutes, we knew we had a winner. This is the perfect cruise. It returns to places everybody loves – Rome, Venice, Almalfi, Positano, Corfu. It visits several ports where we have never been, in Croatia and Albania. It includes places we have always dreamed of going, Ravenna, Malta, Montenegro. Plus, it’s on Oceania’s newest ship, the SIRENA – one of their smaller boutique ships. For a limited time (until 9/30/16), Oceania is offering a number of unbelievable “O-Life” amenities – including free Wi-Fi, but also much more. And airfare is included. August 2017 seems like a long way away, but a $750 deposit (fully refundable until 120 days before sailing) holds your stateroom and ensures that you will get all the advertised amenities – even after the offer expires. Read about the sweet deals in the attached flyer, make your reservations early, and let your dreams set sail.
HONOR’S CONVOCATION

May 26, the Thursday before Commencement, was the date of the 2016 Honor’s Convocation, a formal ceremony recognizing the top 1% of graduating seniors at SFSU – followed by an informal reception hosted by the Women’s Association. According to university archives, Juliet Dowd (UWA President 1975-1976) proposed the convocation to then President Romberg after seeing a similar ceremony at another university. She is quoted as saying “If I was going to be [UWA] President, I wanted to do some things . . . and one of them was the Honors Convocation.” With the approval of President Romberg, the UWA Board organized the very first convocation by themselves—recruiting everyone within reach to help once they realized how overwhelming the task was going to be. In the end, it was an exhausting effort, but Nancy Bjonerud (UWA President 1986-1988) said it was “the most exciting project that we had ever undertaken.” It was an enormous success. The following year the convocation was turned over to various campus offices for coordination, but the UWA maintains their affiliation to this day. A member of the board, this year Ilona Vandergriff, is included in the President’s Platform party on stage, and we continue to provide volunteer ushers and host the reception.

OTHER NEWS

Because of a last-minute cancellation, you may still be able to sign up for the GOURMET WALKING TOUR OF HAYES VALLEY, but you need to act NOW. Email Lin at linivory@comcast.net today to check on availability. The tour is Wednesday, June 8, 2:00 – 5:00 PM, $85/person. For information, see flyer at: uwa.sfsu.edu, or contact Lin.

WINNING STUDENTS

The recipients of the 2016-17 Gloria Spencer UWA scholarships have been selected. And the winners are: Alma Ceja, Morgan Ducey, Maryam Khan, Erica Leyva, Nicholas Newton, and Kimberly Paton. Many thanks to our hard-working committee, chaired by Annie Antler: Bettie Barnes, Donna Ryan, and Tom Spencer, and to Connie Tallerico for her able assistance as Scholarship Opportunity Administrator. Watch for more about these winning students in the next newsletter.

MOMA TOUR UPDATE

Perhaps we were a little premature in our announcement of a private tour of the new SF MOMA. They have been inundated with requests for tours, thousands of them, both local and international. We are in the queue. Watch for updates.

See more photos at uwa.sfsu.edu