Dear fellow UWFA Members,

What a couple of exciting events we have had: The Scholarship Dinner and The Holiday Tea. Both were well attended. It is always gratifying to know that all the work by our Program and Special Events Chairs is appreciated.

The Scholarship Dinner was the culmination of the efforts of our Scholarship Committee. They selected three very special young people to receive three $5000.00 scholarships. I found it very touching and impressive as these young people thanked the UWFA members and expressed what the scholarship meant to their lives. When they spoke about some of the hardships they had overcome, they caused more than one tear to be shed.

With young people and new leaders growing up around us in the University community one cannot help but be proud of the difference the UWFA is making in support of the future. We’ll try and keep up our support, but it won’t be easy, as I explained in my remarks at the event. Unfortunately, with shrinking donations, this may be the last year that we can be this generous. Nevertheless, I want to thank our Scholarship Committee, consisting of Chairperson Diane Grabowski, Shirley Nelson, and Anni Fuller, for the excellent job they have done in selecting these young people to receive our scholarships and organizing the Dinner. Thank you for your dedication and hard work.

I would also like to thank our Honorary President, Mrs. Marti Young, for attending the Scholarship event and delighting not just us, but also our scholarship recipients with her presence. What a great memory our recipients will have of this evening.

Our speaker, Prof. Dr. Thomas Grabowski, husband of Diane Grabowski, enlightened us with his lecture “Things, Names, and the Left Temporal Lobe: What Does It mean”.

The Holiday Tea is always the kick-off to the Holiday Season for me. What better way to spend an afternoon than in the President’s Residence enjoying the festive decorations and the company of our members in their holiday finery. I must say it is an impressive, beautiful sight! The table was deliciously covered with sweet and savory snacks and there were choice morsels for every taste.

On this day we also rolled out our new Donation Cards, which should help us to raise funds for scholarships. Year after year we rack our brains as to what gift we can give the ones we love for a holiday, birthday, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, etc., when they already have everything. Well, these Donation Cards actually represent a win/win/win situation and here are the reasons why.

Win #1: you can shop from home (write the check). Win #2: it is the perfect gift for the person who has everything. Win #3: it is tax deductible gift, because we are a 501(c)(3) charity.

Keep a few donation cards on hand. It won’t cost you a thing until you use them. When you need a present really quickly, and you really want to give a meaningful, thoughtful gift, just send a Donation Card to your recipient to expressing your thanks or good wishes. Then send a check, payable to UWFA, to our treasurer Barbara Archbold in the amount you want to give and she will send you a tax deductible receipt for the IRS for gifts of $20.00 or more.

The occasions these cards can be used for are as limitless as the amount you can donate.

If you were not at the Holiday Tea to pick up a few donation cards, just email or call UWFA Secretary Lisbeth Pisk (she’s in the directory) and she will send you blank donation cards with instructions. Most people in this town have
Scholarship Award Dinner

The Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner and Lecture were held on November 12 at the UW Club. Scholarships of $5,000 were awarded to three remarkable undergraduates students at UW. Each made moving remarks expressing their appreciation.

Katherine Parra is majoring in Communication and plans to go to graduate school at the UW for a Master's Degree in Communications with a focus on "Communication and Culture". Her hometown is Sammamish, WA.

Hani Mohamed received the Melba Schmitz Scholarship, which is awarded to a student with “an interest in a career working with people.” Hani is a senior majoring in Public Health. She plans to go to graduate school at the UW to for a Master's Degree in Health Administration. Her hometown is San Diego, CA.

Mykhaylo “Misha” Krushelnyskyy received the Barbara Garlid Scholarship. Misha is a senior majoring in Biochemistry. He plans to go to medical school and is currently interviewing at several medical schools. His hometown is Tyvriv in the Ukraine.

The speaker was Thomas Grabowski, Professor of Radiology and Neurology, and Director of the Integrated Brain Imaging Center and UW Medicine Memory and Brain Wellness Center.

President’s Message (cont’d)

an affiliation with the UW, whether they are alumni or Husky Fans or attend concerts and lectures and would be pleased that to find that you made a donation in their honor.

Another highlight of the tea was the appearance our UWFA Honorary President Mrs Marti Young. Despite her busy schedule, she fit us in and we thanked her by giving her one of the Donation Cards to let her know that we had made a donation in her honor to the UWFA Scholarship fund. Mrs. Young is very interested in the Scholarships and we knew that she would appreciate a thank-you gift of that kind.

Every year we traditionally invite FIUTS Director Era Shrepfer along with a few international students to the Holiday Tea. These young students have great stories to tell and are a delight to talk to. They were thrilled to have photo opportunities with Mrs. Young and to have engaging conversations with her. As is traditional Mimi Wagar went around with her silver basket to collect donations to benefit FIUTS. This year she collected nearly $300.00. Thank you, Mimi, and thank you, members, for your generosity.

Finally, a big thank you to all who helped make the Holiday Tea so successful: those of you who brought treats, who poured, and the greeters. Special thanks go to Courtesy and House Chair Inga Roden and to four-time Holiday Tea Chair Tina Schiess. Thank you so very much for all your work and for giving us such wonderful memories.

Dagmar Shannon
UWFA President
Robert Robbin died peacefully at home after a long illness on December 10, 2014. Bob, with his wife Carmen, was a longtime member of UWFA. He was an active member of several interest groups and prepared the UWFA Directory for a decade or so.

Bob was born in Kalispell, Montana in 1933. He attended Montana State University for two years as an engineering student before graduating from University of Southern California. Bob came to Seattle for graduate work in Computer Science at UW. His first job was to install computers for Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana. In 1966 he returned to UW where he was part of the team that developed the student information systems, and, with Director of Libraries Ken Allen, put the state’s libraries on computers. He retired in the early 1990’s to pursue his hobbies and travel.

There will be a memorial service for Bob on 13 January, 2015, at 3 pm at the Seattle Yacht Club.

In Memoriam
Robert Robbin

Vote on Revision of the Bylaws

It has been nine years since the last revision of our Bylaws, and the Board felt it was time for a fresh look. A committee of six members has been meeting since August to consider how to bring the Bylaws into line with reality and have proposed a few changes.

For example, our Membership is currently divided into “Friends” and “Active” categories, when in fact many “Friends” are our most active members, and comprise about half of our Membership. The committee will propose that Active members be defined as any member who pays full dues. Active members may be anyone with a UW affiliation through faculty, administration or professional staff and also non-UW affiliated persons, as long as dues are paid.

The proposed amendments will be explained in detail in a mailing to all Members at the end of February and will include a ballot. Members should examine the proposals and return the ballot as directed in a timely manner. The results of the vote will be announced at the Annual Business Meeting on April 13. For questions or comments, please contact Sue Christian.

Sue Christian
Bylaws Committee Chair

Spring Luncheon
Wednesday, May 13
at 11:30 am
at the
Seattle Yacht Club

The speaker will be Anita Ramasastry, UW Professor of Law and Director of Sustainable International Development Graduate Program.

The title of her talk will be: “Is There a Human Right to Be Free from Corruption?”

Members of the Scandinavian Interest Group in holiday finery.
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<td>Elect officers for next year and vote on a revision of the UWFA By-Laws.</td>
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Clockwise from top left: Sale of hand knitted items in aid of the scholarship fund at the Tuesday Trekker holiday party; a cardboard hound watches over some members of Seattle Seattle and Gallery Goers; Dagmar is present at the Past Presidents Luncheon; UWFA Day Duplicate Bridge Group; raising our voices in song at the Tuesday Trekkers Holiday Party.