OCW MAY PICNIC
MYRICK PARK SHELTER
Tuesday, May 9, 2000, 4:30 p.m

Please join us for an OCW end-of-year picnic in Myrick Park! We will meet at the small shelter east of the zoo at 4:30 p.m. OCW will provide the food: brats, burgers, chips, beverages, and fixings. It's a great chance to meet and talk with other campus folks in the great outdoors. For more information contact Sharie Brunk, 785-6950, brunk.shar@uwlax.edu

ON A PICNIC WE WILL GO!

HONORS SCHOLARSHIP FUND-RAISING

The OCW Honors, Scholarship, and Fund-raising Committee has completed their review and ranking of applications. The Honors Reception will be held on May 1, 2000, and the recipient of the Jean L. Foss & Norene A. Smith OCW Scholarship will be announced at that time.

Thank you to those who participated in the work of reviewing and ranking this year’s applicants. There were seven applicants for this year’s scholarship, which was in the amount of $1800.

Thanks also to all those who attended the fund-raiser at Red Oak Books. $75.00 was raised for the OCW scholarship fund.
WOMEN'S LIVES, WOMEN'S VOICES, WOMEN'S SOLUTIONS

The March 27-29, 2000, teleconference provided a unique opportunity for participants to remain on campus while taking part in an important national discussion, with satellite hookups for feedback from many sites in Wisconsin, Texas, Virginia, Minnesota, and other locations around the nation. After an introduction from a panel of women in academic leadership, participants from around the nation, including the La Crosse participants, met in small groups at their sites for an hour-long caucus to identify action strategies for this national agenda. The result of these caucuses was shared in the last session.

Issues and strategies for teaching and learning, balancing work and family, partnerships and outreach, and getting women into leadership positions were brought forward. The need for mentoring was one of the persistent themes.

According to the results from the caucuses, women students don't see themselves in what they are learning. They have devastatingly different learning and mentoring experiences across gender and race. Higher education must create more representative models for women in the curriculum, in the classroom, in the office, and in leadership roles. Work consumes a significant percentage of our lives and waking hours. We need to create environments where it is possible to live and work in balance -- exhausted, over-extended, out of balance are too often the role models we give to students and to each other.

Caucus results indicate that we need to figure out how to create flexible academic systems that provide administrative support for students and also meet the needs of faculty and staff for respect, support, professional development, and work/life balance. Certain themes and strategies came up repeatedly in the panel discussions and in the feedback from the local caucuses, among them: mentoring, flexible schedules, multitasking, cross training, putting a value on personal time, academic and external supports, leadership opportunities, professional development for all staff, education on women's health issues, and affordable quality child care.

OCW YYCA Tribute Nominations

OCW’s Nominating Committee for the YYCA Tribute to Outstanding Women will be meeting Friday May 5. If anyone has suggestions for possible nominees, please forward the name(s) to Donna Anderson, Economics Department, 403Q North Hall. (anderson.donn@uwlax.edu; 5-6864).

OCW Spring Symposium

The Organization for Campus Women Spring Symposium was held on Thursday, March 30. Nearly 60 women from UW-L and WWTC participated in sessions covering career, finance, family, and health, with a humorous luncheon presentation from Dr. Betsy Morgan.

Some comments from participants:
"The friendly feeling among the women was very evident to me. I will be looking forward to future events at UW-L."
--WWTC participant

"Betsy Morgan was very entertaining and really in touch with her audience. I felt very much at ease as an audience member."

"I enjoyed the day and learned some new things. I can't wait for next year's symposium; I always enjoy it!"

Thanks to Lissa Carlson, Sandy Sechrest, and Jennifer Wilson for organizing a successful and enjoyable event! Thanks to all the presenters who gave us valuable information and food for thought.
OCW Steering Committee 2000-2001 Election Results

Congratulations to the new members of the OCW Steering Committee, who will be assuming their positions Fall 2000.

Sharie Brunk -- Academic Staff Representative for a 3 year term.

Telitha Bean Thompson -- Academic Staff Representative for a 2 year term.

Janie Spencer -- Academic Staff Representative for a 1 year term.

Kathi Beane -- Classified Staff Representative for a 3 year term.

Anne Galbraith -- Faculty Representative for a 3 year term.

Thanks to Kathy Thomas for all her work in receiving nominations and ballots and in compiling election results. Thanks also to our new Steering Committee members for agreeing to serve!

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Check out the OCW web page!

The OCW web page current has events listings and links to our membership list, OCW committees, and back copies of the OCW newsletter. It also has hot links to many other sites with important information for women.

http://perth.uwlax.edu/ocw/