

2009-2010  
Union Auxiliary  
Membership Application

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## Annual Fall Luncheon

October 22, 2009

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# The Difference

The Union Auxiliary Newsletter



## Secret Holocaust Diaries: The Untold Story of Nonna Bannister

Nonna Bannister appeared to be a typical American housewife. She married Henry, the love of her life in 1951 and together they raised three children in Memphis, Tennessee. But Nonna was far from average. For half a century, she kept her story secret while living a normal life. She locked all of her photos, documents, diaries, and dark memories from World War II in a trunk in the attic.

In April 2009, Tyndale House Publishers, has published this eyewitness account of Nonna Lisowskaja Bannister, a remarkable Russian girl who saw and survived the unspeakable evils of the Holocaust.

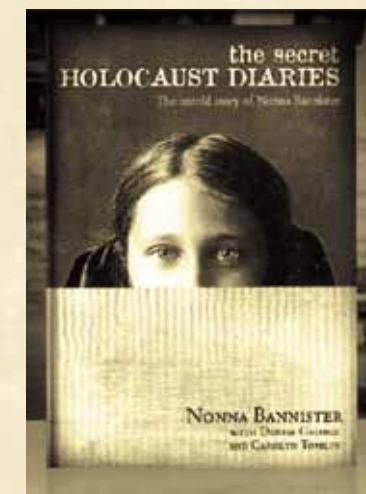
Born into an aristocratic Russian family, Nonna Bannister fully expected to enjoy a cultured privileged life. Her parents had many comforts at a time when many Russians struggled to buy food. By her sixth birthday, Nonna spoke four languages. She had a good life. But then her life fell apart. The Nazis invaded Russia, and Nonna lost everything.

After being tricked into boarding a train bound for a German labor camp, Nonna wrote her diaries on small scraps of soiled paper, tied them together with a piece of thread and hid them in a small black-and-white ticking pillow she kept tied around

her waist. After immigrating to America, Nonna hid her memories in a trunk tucked away in the attic of her home, keeping it secret from everyone for many years.

Later in life, Nonna unlocked that trunk first for her husband, and now for the rest of the world. Nonna's story is one of suffering, torture, and death—but also of incredible acts of kindness that show the ultimate triumph of faith and love over despair and evil. *The Secret Holocaust Diaries* is in part a tragedy, yet ultimately it's an unforgettable true story about forgiveness, courage and faith in God.

Book by: Nonna Bannister. Denise George and Carolyn Tomlin, co-authors.



## Union at a Glance





Union Auxiliary Awards 2009-2010 Scholarships

The Union Auxiliary announces the following 3 recipients for the 2009-2010 academic year. Each student will receive a five hundred dollar scholarship in both the fall and spring semesters.



Hannah Brack

Hannah is a senior majoring in Social Work. She is very passionate about studying Social Work at Union and plans to continue her education at the graduate level. Because of Christ's work in her life, she dreams of pursuing justice through international social work. Being exposed to different cultures (Cambodia, Nicaragua) has helped her realize that her true home is serving the world's poorest and neediest.

When not studying Hannah spends her time enjoying God's creation, whether that's people, nature or art. She values family and realizes the importance of true connection and relationship with people. She is so appreciative for Christ's love demonstrated through her parents in their willingness and dedication to her future.



Jesse Daigle

Jesse is a senior from Middlebury, CT. He is majoring in Biology with a minor in Chemistry. Jesse is still undecided about his future plans. He does not know what God has planned for his life, but he does want to follow wherever God leads and be in His service. Jesse truly believes this scholarship is a direct answer to his prayer of wanting God to show him His will. Some of his hobbies include playing table tennis, hiking, wiffleball, baseball, and other sports.



Hannah Gregory

Hannah is a senior, majoring in Nursing with plans of later working toward becoming a family nurse practitioner. She is from Jackson and is involved in Sunday School teaching, coaching a Junior Bible Quiz team, singing, and playing the piano.

Hannah is involved in the Student Nurses' Association at Union. Her desire in life is to be a help and make a difference in the lives of those who are sick and in need.



From the President

The beginning of the 2009 Fall Semester has been remarkable in so many ways. We have a record enrollment of 4050. The spirit on campus has been marvelous. The weather has been glorious, beautiful and even cool for move-in days this year. The Freshmen orientation ice cream event at our home was extra special with a record number of 545 freshmen plus transfer students beginning their time at Union. Our backyard was a sea of "Focus shirts" with students eating ice cream, playing frisbee, throwing footballs, and meeting new friends.

The MK and International Orientation Dinner was held in Luther Hall this year. So many of you brought delicious dishes to share with more than 80 MK and International students and their family members. The MK and International committees chaired by Sandra Fowler and Sandra Williams with Sue Smith did an excellent job organizing the food and having their committees serve our guests with "Union hospitality and grace." Our thanks to Lisa Morris and Larry Vaughan for all that they did to make this event so pleasant.

Nelle Agee has chaired the nominating committee for new officers over the summer months. She will present the new officers for your approval at the Fall Luncheon.

When you come to campus you will see several construction sites all around the campus. The

Blessings,  
*Lanese*  
Lanese Dockery



Fall Luncheon

Carolyn Tomlin

Carolyn Ross Tomlin is the author of 8 books, including *More Alike Than Different* (WMU) and co-author (with Denise George) of *The Secret Holocaust Diaries: The Untold Story of Nonna Bannister* (Tyndale House) and over 3,600 published magazine articles in the Christian and secular market. Carolyn is a frequent speaker for schools, universities, churches and civic groups.

As a ministry of teaching others to write and publish, she is the co-founder/co-teacher (with Denise George) of Boot Camp for Christian Writers – a one day writing-to-publish seminar held throughout the United States.

She is a graduate of Union University (BA), The University of Memphis (M.Ed) and has completed post graduate work. Including herself, four generations of her family are Union graduates—her mother, daughter and granddaughter with each one becoming teachers of children.

She is married to Dr. Matt Tomlin, a Baptist minister and Union graduate. The Tomlins have two adult children and 6 grandchildren. You can contact Carolyn at [www.carolyntomlin.com](http://www.carolyntomlin.com) or [carolyn.tomlin@yahoo.com](mailto:carolyn.tomlin@yahoo.com).



Denise George

Denise George is author of 24 books, including: *What Pastors Wish Church Members Knew* (Zondervan); *What Women Wish Pastors Knew* (Zondervan); co-author (with Carolyn Tomlin) of *The Secret Holocaust Diaries*, (Tyndale House), etc., and more than 1500 magazine articles. Denise speaks worldwide to seminaries, colleges, churches, women's retreats, libraries, civil clubs, etc. She is married to Dr. Timothy George, founding dean of Beeson Divinity School, Samford University. She teaches "The Writing Minister" (a semester-long, writing-to-publish class) for seminarians at Beeson Divinity School. She is the co-founder/co-teacher (with Carolyn Tomlin) of Boot Camp for Christian Writers--a one day, writing-to- publish seminar held throughout the United States.

You can contact Denise at [www.authordenisegeorge.com](http://www.authordenisegeorge.com) or [cdwg@aol.com](mailto:cdwg@aol.com)



Missionaries in Residence

The Fenwicks

Wayne and Caryn have served together overseas in Germany since 2004. Wayne and Caryn work with a large immigration population found in Berlin, Germany. They were both born in Africa and immigrated to the USA in 1988. In 2000, they became citizens of the USA. Before moving to Germany, Wayne was the student minister at FBC Monroeville in Alabama. They also worked together at the Georgia Baptist Children's home before they moved to Alabama. They were Group Leaders for teenage boys and pre-teen boys. They have two daughters, Amey and Lara.

The Schulz

Clyde and Carol Schulz have served in Brazil since 1989. They have worked in three cities where Clyde has been a church planter and has taught evangelism/church planting to lay workers at a local Bible Institute. He also taught missions and evangelism at the seminary in Belém, where they presently live. Carol enjoys discipling young people, teaching EFL classes and Bible to children in public schools. They have four grown children, three of which graduated from Union: Christina, Carl, and Catherine.

The Tuns

Before marriage, Cornel has served in Romania for eight years and Erica served for two years in East Asia. Cornel holds a Master's degree from The Master's Seminary and is currently pursuing his doctorate in New Testament from Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary. While in Romania, Cornel serves as a church planter and travels to several different cities to teach and train church planters. Cornel helped start the Romany Bible Institute for those who will never be able to go to seminary but need to be equipped in order to more faithfully preach the Word. Since serving as a journeyman in East Asia, Erica has most recently worked with an international student ministry at Iowa State University through her church and with Iowa State students in a program designed to help prepare them for missions. Cornel and Erica are expecting their first child in December. They will be at Union through the spring of 2010.

Upcoming Events

Annual Fall Luncheon

Noon, Thursday, October 22, 2009  
Carl Grant Events Center

Speakers: Carolyn Tomlin & Denise George  
Tickets \$12 each

Lunch and door prizes included.  
Contact Cindy Meredith at 661-5202  
for more information.

Scholarship Committee Meeting

10:00 am, Wednesday, May 5, 2010  
Craig Conference Room

Annual Spring Luncheon

Noon, Tuesday, April 13, 2010  
Carl Grant Events Center

Speaker to be announced  
Lunch and door prizes will be provided.

Congratulations

Total Giving to the Union  
University Auxiliary:  
\$336,470.54

Attention

If you have a specific MK/  
International student you want  
to adopt, please contact Cindy  
Meredith at 731-661-5202 in  
advance of the luncheon. All  
remaining students will be open for  
adoption at the luncheon.



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