

UCSC WOMEN'S CLUB: Where Campus and Community Come Together

President's Message

Welcome to the UCSC Women's Club for 2013-14! Our 48th year promises to be another interesting, informative, exciting, and entertaining one. There are a multitude of activities to entice you. Last year was a good one for us; it culminated in a wonderful Scholarship Luncheon in May celebrating \$20,000 in awarded scholarships. Let's make this year even better!

Your Executive Board and Interest Group Chairs have been planning a very exciting catalog of events. 2nd Vice Presidents, Nancy Eder and Corinne Miller, are putting together a slate of engaging speakers from the campus and community for our meetings in November, February, March, and April. *Be sure to check out the list on p 2.* We're fortunate again this year to hold all our meetings at the UCSC Arboretum.

At the Fall Gathering, on Wednesday, October 2nd from 11:00 to 1:00, you'll hear more about plans for the year including opportunities for joining one or more of our wide range of interest groups. The Executive Board will kick off the year by providing refreshments; you will have the opportunity to show off your culinary skills at subsequent meetings. *See p 6 for more information on food.*

Our website (<http://womensclub.ucsc.edu/>) has been newly updated. Thanks to Stephanie Nielsen for all of her efforts in this realm. She has even recruited a colleague to join her in this task; we welcome Laurie Carnahan and thank her in

advance for her assistance in keeping us up to date. Be sure to check the web site frequently for the latest and greatest in news from your club!

Fundraising efforts continue this year with the Chocolate Festival, the Shadowbrook dinner, the Human Race, the Phantom Tea, and the Show 'n' Sell. Please consider participating in all of these events. In addition to contributing to a worthy cause, you will have a great time with your Women's Club colleagues and friends. And... thanks to your contributions, the Rita Olsen Pister Endowment continues to grow! It is now close to \$300,000! Please continue to maintain your generosity to this fund as well.

Special thanks go to the new newsletter editor, Irma Andrews, and to all the article contributors for this creative and informative document.

I look forward to seeing you at the Fall Gathering on October 2nd. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, suggestions, or concerns at BonitaSebastian@comcast.net or 831.425.5995.

With warm regards,

Bonita Sebastian

Mission Statement: *The UCSC Women's Club is open to all women of the campus and town communities. Its purpose is to be of service to the university, to foster friendships between town and gown, and to encourage understanding and support for the mission and functions of the university. A special goal of the club is to develop scholarships for re-entry students.*

“Let Light Be Made When Campus and Community Come Together”

Introducing the UCSC Women’s Club Program theme for 2013-2014 based on the University of California motto FIAT LUX, *let there be light*, or literally translated *let light be made*.

OCTOBER 2 Fall Gathering...“Curtain Up! Light the Lights!”

NOVEMBER 5 Shadowbrook Night

NOVEMBER 6 Professor Michael Chemers “Spotlight on Faculty”

Presenting: SOCIAL ROBOTICS AND DIGITAL DRAMATURGY

NOVEMBER 13 Newcomers’ Soiree

DECEMBER 8. Chancellor’s Holiday Party..... “Everything is Illuminated”

JANUARY 19 Chocolate Festival “Dark or Light—Have a Bite”

FEBRUARY 5 Valentine’s Day Special “You Light Up My Life”

MARCH 5 To be announced

APRIL 2 To be announced

MAY 7 Annual Luncheon...“Spring Sunshine and Stellar Student Scholars”

Spotlight on Theatre Arts Professor Michael Chemers

We are delighted to introduce Professor Michael Chemers, our featured speaker for November 6, who came to UCSC in 2012. Professor Chemers was the founding Director of the Bachelor in Fine Arts Dramaturgy program at Carnegie Mellon University. He is the author of the 'Ghost Light' model of dramaturgy, a muscular, creatively engaged, artistically vibrant approach to dramaturgy that requires thorough historical understanding, theoretical training broad and deep, and a

passionate dedication to creating powerful, relevant performances of all types.



Professor Chemers’ work on freak shows has appeared in *Modern Drama*, *The New England Theatre Journal*, *The Journal of Nineteenth Century Theatre and Film*, *Theatre Forum*, and *Disability Studies Quarterly*, for which he has also served as an editor. His work as a theatre historian and theorist has appeared in these journals, as well as in *Theatre Survey*, *Theatre Topics*, *Journal of Theatre and Performance*, and *Comparative Drama*. He has also written chapters for books on *South Park* and *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*.

Education and Training:

2001 PhD, Theatre History and Theory, University of Washington
1997 MFA, Playwriting, Indiana University

For more about Professor Chemers, there is an interesting article written by Christina Waters for the Arts Department’s series *Featuring Faculty*. You will find it at <http://arts.ucsc.edu/features/featured-faculty/michael-chemers>.

Women's Club Website

Stephanie Neilsen manages our website. She welcomes input from all of us about club activities. Information and pictures from our fundraisers and interest groups are welcome.

Fall Gathering & Newcomers' Soiree

The October 2 Fall Gathering is the perfect time to bring a friend, colleague, or family member. It is a great opportunity to learn about the club's many Interest Groups. Guests are always welcome at the meetings throughout the year.

If you are a new member (meaning you joined after March 31, 2013) you will be invited to our Welcome Newcomers' Soiree on November 13. This event will be hosted by the Women's Club Board at the home of Mary Ann Hobbs from 4-6 p.m. Beverages and hors d'oeuvres will be enjoyed, and a fun time is promised for all.

If you have not renewed your membership, or if you want to become a new member, you can do that at our Fall Gathering on October 2, or by mail. Download the form from our membership page at <http://womensclub.ucsc.edu/about/membership/index.html>.

We have informative programs at our monthly meetings and, of course, our many interest groups are a great incentive to join.

Chocolate Festival



Don't they look good enough to eat right off the page? The 7th annual Santa Cruz Chocolate Festival is coming up!!!

It's not really right away, but it will be held on January 19th, 2014 from 1-4 PM at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk's Coconut Grove! We've started planning, getting vendors lined up, looking for sponsors and silent auction items!

We will continue organizing the event with 32 to 36 vendors that include five wine tables, as well as coffee and milk which were good additions to last year's event! New this year, we will add several demonstration areas and more vendors that are serving savory items with chocolate as an ingredient.

How can you help, you wonder!! You can help by helping us bring in sponsors! Individuals, even Women's Club members, can sponsor the event for as little as \$100. Corporate sponsorships start at \$300. This is the one area that can really make a difference in the size and number of scholarships we give! As we keep the expenses at a constant, every additional dollar brought in goes towards scholarships! Please call Virginia Rivera if you have a sponsor for us to welcome to our event!

Silent auction items are also being sought. If you are able to get donations from a business you frequent, please contact Mary Ann Hobbs.

If you have suggestions or other input please call Ann Berry-Kline, the event coordinator at 831-332-4042! We look forward to another successful and fun event!

**Remember the date - January 19th
at the Coconut Grove**

INTEREST GROUPS

Bon Appetit, a gourmet group, meets about four times a year to enjoy good food and conversation.



Pictured are dishes the gourmets enjoyed at the Caribbean dinner in August. It looks good, doesn't it?

Book Clubs

The **Happy Bookers** meet on the second Wednesday evening of the month, at Marline Bushey's home. The group moved there after the passing of Evelyn Falk who had been the host for the nearly six years of the group's existence. Evelyn is sorely missed.

Book selections have ranged from *Lean In* to *Gone Girl*, both about women but oh, so different.

A trip to the Steinbeck Center in Salinas was a highlight after reading Steinbeck selections. Tea was good too at Steinbeck's birth house. If you've never been there, please go. You are in for a treat.

The Happy Bookers, as well as the Wednesday noon Brown Bag Bibliophiles and the Thursday afternoon group are currently closed to new members. But Book Club 5 on the third Monday evening is open, and Susan Algert is inviting new members

to join Book Club 1 which meets on the second Thursday evening.

Susan's group has just been reading *No Ordinary Time: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt* by Doris Kearns Goodwin. Contact Susan Algert at 760-822-3777 or salgert@gmail.com for further details.

Bridge

We have two bridge groups. If you want to Learn to Play Bridge then check out Irma Andrews' group that meets on Monday evenings.

The more advanced bridge players meet once a month on the 2nd Tuesday afternoon at Virginia Law's home in Santa Cruz. They play "party bridge" which lends itself to playing for small prizes, and spending 3 hours in concentrated bridge with a *light heart*.

They are still playing with the original eight members but would welcome adding to their substitute list. Each player is responsible for finding a substitute if she is unable to play that month. This has worked well. Contact Virginia Law at 425-5453 or veelaw2@pacbell.net if you would like to join the alternates list.

Hikers and Walkers



The Hiking Group and Westside Walkers, enjoyed a tour of Younger Lagoon Reserve, arranged by Joan Zimmerman after their luncheon program on the UC Reserves.

English in Action

English in Action is a joint project of the Women's Club and the Osher Lifelong Learners Institute.

Our volunteers meet one-on-one with their students to help them practice their English conversation. Most students, scholars and spouses are Asian, but there occasionally are requests from Europeans and residents of the Americas. New volunteers are always welcome. Meetings with foreign students are individually arranged.

Volunteers meet at various members' homes on the first Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. to share ideas for meeting with students.

Students, scholars, volunteers and their families recently enjoyed a potluck picnic at Westlake Park in Santa Cruz. The food was foreign and fantastic. They will have more similar parties!

For more information contact Karin Grobe, kgrobe@wormdoctor.org, 831-427-0984.

Garden Club



Maxine Lane, Dorothy Hale, and Nancy Jones enjoy Anne Taku's lovely garden at the UC Garden Club May meeting.

FOR THE JOY OF SINGING – Fiat Musica



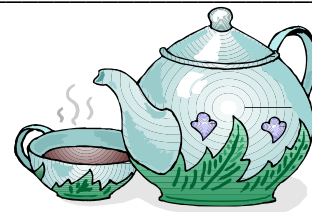
Do you love to sing? Interested in sharing the joy of music with other women?

Now in its seventh year, Fiat Musica, an interest group of the UCSC Women's Club, is a women's choir which performs throughout the community several times a year, including holiday concerts, two performances for the Women's Club and our annual Friends and Family Concert in June. They sing all styles of music: classical, pop songs and oldies, folk and world music and show tunes.

Fiat Musica welcomes new singers. They meet Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. at Dominican Oaks. The best times to join are October and January. For more information, contact Michele Kibrick

(kibrick@cruzio.com or by phone at (831)429-1270) or our director Sheila Willey at sheilakwilley@gmail.com.

They are looking forward to another year of singing, fun, and friendship!



The Phantom Tea is coming up in March. Enjoy a cup of tea at home to support our scholarships.

Food at Our Meetings

Curious about food at our meetings? Wonder where it comes from, or what the rules are? Read on...

You bring it! As a member, you are asked to choose one meeting during the year to sign up for, and then bring, either sweets or savory for about 10-12 people. Board members provide the food for the Fall Gathering.

You can cook or bake something yourself, or purchase an item from a store or restaurant. Many people appreciate it if at least *some* of the savory items are on the healthier side. Instead of bringing food you may give a small financial donation to one of the food coordinators, Rusty Bowman and Ilene Wilson, and they will buy a food item.

The main requirement: it must be a "finger food" so no utensils are required.

Suggestions for savories:

- small sandwiches
- meat and/or cheese trays
- lettuce roll-ups
- dips with chips or vegetables
- quiche or frittata
- open-faced sandwiches
- pizza
- deviled eggs
- tortilla pinwheels
- stuffed celery
- shrimp with cocktail sauce

Past sweet contributions have included:

- cookies
- brownies
- cupcakes
- mini-tarts
- pastries
- fruit

If you think that your item isn't easily recognizable, or you want to tell folks about certain ingredient(s) in your dish, please feel free to attach a note to the food.

BONUS: Each person who brings food is entered into a drawing. The prize is a beautiful flower arrangement created by Jo Barbier.

2012-13 Scholars

One of the primary goals of the UCSC Women's Club is to provide educational opportunities for UCSC re-entry students through scholarships and academic support. Here are the winners for the year 2012-13.



Back Row (L to R): Claudia Parrish (STARS Program Coordinator), Ruben Barron, Raymundo Reyes, Maxim Tabatchnik, Sally Lester (STARS Lead Program Coordinator).

Front row, (L to R): Erin McCreless, Jenn Yost, Lindsay Roberts, Jennifer Maresh, Yvonne Sherwood, Sara Cannon, T.E. Angela Quiros

PATRICK BAILEY is an undergraduate student majoring in biochemistry and molecular biology. He overcame a difficult youth to attend the local community college, transferring to UCSC with a 4.0 GPA. He used his scholarship to fund childcare while he took summer classes. His long term goal is to conduct research on breast cancer, which runs in his family.

RUBEN BARRON is the first in his family to attend college. Ruben majors in art and literature

to 'push the interaction of art and literature into the 21st century with the modern technology available to produce new experiences and reach diverse audiences.' His scholarship will be used to fund applications to graduate schools. Ruben received the 3rd annual Robert Leet Corday Memorial Scholarship.

SARA CANNON is a single parent. She is majoring in marine biology at UCSC, and providing a role model to her son. Her scholarship paid for summer school fees.

ERIN McCRELESS is a collaborator with Santa Cruz based non-profit Island Conservation, Erin identifies the world's most threatened island species and ecosystems and combines the results with socio-political factors to prioritize islands for conservation interventions. She will complete her PhD this fall, and will use her scholarship to attend a professional conference to present part of her doctoral dissertation.

JENNIFER MARESH is the first in her family to attend college. She is a PhD candidate studying ecology and evolutionary biology, specifically understanding how marine mammals 'get around the constraints imposed on them by their air breathing ancestry in an environment more suitable for a fish!' Her long-term goals include research and teaching. She will use her scholarship to support attendance at a professional conference where she will share the results of her thesis research.

JOHN 'JACK' CHAPMAN is a teacher and an artist in Santa Cruz County, and a graduate student at the university in social documentation. He chose this program because he felt 'a duty to communicate ideas and give representation to those without means.' He is using his scholarship to fund audio-visual equipment necessary to complete his master's thesis.

KEVIN DEUTSCH was completing his bachelor's degree in mathematics education and beginning his master's in education this summer at UCSC. He worked as a seventh grade math teacher during his undergraduate years, but the intense nature of the graduate program, with the student teaching component built in, does not

allow for outside work. The married father of three, Kevin seeks to be a role model for his children.

TAMARA GONZALEZ came to the US as an immigrant when she was young. Tamara was determined to excel and describes herself as a 'product of persistence and perseverance.' As the last step in her bachelor's degree in feminist studies, she plans to use her scholarship to pursue an academic internship at UCLA, learning how Salvadoran students attain or lack access to higher education.

ANGELA QUIROS is a PhD student in the ecology and evolutionary biology program. Her scholarship will help to fund her research project in the Philippines that involves measuring the health of seagrass beds around the islands, which are the home of an important food source foraged by women and children. Angela's goal is to return to the Philippines to teach and conduct research to promote women in science, and to mentor them towards an academic track.

RAYMUNDO REYES ran far away from a dysfunctional family situation at age 14 and worked to support himself. Eventually his mother and his younger siblings wanted to leave his alcoholic father as well, and Raymundo helped to support them by working in the construction field. Now Raymundo wants to hone his intellectual skills by completing a bachelor's degree in literature and eventually a PhD in Spanish literature. His scholarship will be used to purchase a laptop computer.

LINDSAY ROBERTS' desire to become a psychologist comes from her early difficult life. Currently completing requirements for a bachelor's degree in psychology, Lindsay is using her scholarship to complete a summer field study at the Walnut Avenue Women's Center where she works as an advocate for survivors of domestic violence. Lindsay is the recipient of the sixth annual Frances Spodick Drake Memorial Scholarship.

YVONNE SHERWOOD is an indigenous woman, Native scholar and organizer, situated within academia. Yvonne says 'I feel compelled to find ways to recover the most humane ways of knowing the self and other.' Upon completing her PhD in sociology, she wants to teach at a community college and at a freedom school on or near a tribal reservation. It is important to the mother of two that her children, like her, benefit from the privilege of attending an institution of higher education.

MAXIM (MAX) TABATCHNIK is completing a PhD in politics. His research focuses on the politics of citizenship, national identity, ethnic biases and discrimination. His scholarship will help fund a research training methods training at Central European University, the world's most renowned university for the study of nationalism and national identity. Max hopes to teach at the university level.

JENN YOST's interest in the evolution of plants brought her to UCSC to complete a PhD in ecology and evolutionary biology. Her research addresses the adaptations that result in speciation in a genus of spring wildflowers in California. Her scholarship will be used to fund her research travel and support her final quarter at UCSC. She has secured a tenure track teaching position at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

Shadowbrook Night



Dine at Shadowbrook on Tuesday, November 5 and mention the Women's Club, and we will get 1/3 of the money you spend.

Planned Giving

Congress reauthorized the IRA Rollover Program for 2013. This means that if you are age 70 1/2 or older, you can make a charitable gift of up to \$100,000 from your traditional or Roth IRA directly to UCSC.

Your gift qualifies for your 2013 distribution and you will not have to pay federal income tax on the amount given from your IRA to UCSC. To make an IRA rollover gift, simply contact your custodian and ask that an amount be transferred to UCSC.

Contact Virginia Rivera to learn more about how you can redirect unneeded IRA income to UCSC, help further our mission and enjoy valuable tax savings this year.

Interest Group Calendar for October, November, December

Check womensclub.ucsc.edu or the printed directory for contact information. Call or email for details.

Interest groups are open to all Women's Club members. There is no additional fee for joining a group, but there could be a charge for materials, or for transportation or admission fees for some events.

For location and dates of the monthly Adventure Club activities contact Annita Siebert.

The Bon Appetit group meets four times a year at dates that accommodate members of the group.

Contact Rusty Bowman.

Playreading meets at varying times, but always in the daytime.

Book Clubs 2, 3 and 4 are not accepting new members in order to keep the groups small enough for good discussion. Book Clubs 1 and 5 welcome new members.

October

<i>DATE</i>	<i>INTEREST GROUP</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>CONTACT</i>
1,8,15,22,29	MAH JONG	1:00	Hazel Powell
1	ENGLISH IN ACTION	1:00	KARIN GROBE
1,8,15,22,29	SEW 'N' SEWS	6:00-9:00	Jo Barbier
3,10,17,24,31	FIAT MUSICA	7:00	Michele Kibrick
7,14,21,28	WEST SIDE WALKERS	3:00	Karin Grobe
7	LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE	6:00-9:00	Irma Andrews
8	BRIDGE CLUB	12:30	Virginia Law
9	BOOK CLUB 3	NOON	
9	BOOK CLUB 4	7:30-9:00	
10	HIKING GROUP	9:30-3:00	Laurie Salatich, Louise West
10	BOOK CLUB 1	7:00	Susan Algert
14	GARDEN CLUB	11:00-1:00	Marcia Charland, Janet Rymsha
16	PLAYREADING	Times vary	Mary Jane Chambers
17	BOOK CLUB 2	1:00	
21	BOOK CLUB 5	1.00-2.30	Mary Jane Chambers
28	LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE	6:30-9:00	Irma Andrews
28	TRAVEL GROUP	10:00-11.30	Rusty Bowman

November

<i>DATE</i>	<i>INTEREST GROUP</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>CONTACT</i>
4,11,18,25	WEST SIDE WALKERS	3:00	Karin Grobe
4	LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE	6:00-9:00	Irma Andrews
5	ENGLISH IN ACTION	1:00	Karin Grobe
5,12,19,26	MAH JONG	1:00	Hazel Powell
5,12,19,26	SEW 'N' SEWS	6:00-9:00	Jo Barbier
7,14,21	FIAT MUSICA	7:00	Michele Kibrick
11	GARDEN CLUB	11:00-1:00	Marcia Charland, Janet Rymsha
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14	BOOK CLUB 1	7:00	Susan Algert
15	LUNCH BUNCH	NOON - 1:00	Irma Andrews

18	BOOK CLUB 5	1:00-2:30	Mary Jane Chambers
20	PLAYREADING	Times vary	Mary Jane Chambers
21	BOOK CLUB 2	1:00	
25	TRAVEL GROUP	10:00-11.30	Rusty Bowman
25	LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE	6:30-9:00	Irma Andrews

December

<i>DATE</i>	<i>INTEREST GROUP</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>CONTACT</i>
2,9,16,23,30	WEST SIDE WALKERS	3:00	Karin Grobe
2	LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE	6:00-9:00	Irma Andrews
3,10,17	MAH JONG	1:00	Hazel Powell
3	ENGLISH IN ACTION	1:00	KARIN GROBE
3,10,17,24,31	SEW 'N' SEWS	6:00-9:00	Jo Barbier
5,12,19	FIAT MUSICA	7:00	Michele Kibrick
9	GARDEN CLUB	11:00-1:00	Marcia Charland, Janet Rymsha
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