

President's Message

Claudia Parrish



Greetings UC Santa Cruz Women's Club Members and Friends! Welcome to the 2016-17 year and the Women's Club's 50th Anniversary Celebration! As incoming President of the Women's Club, I am excited for our

year to begin as we celebrate and acknowledge 50 years of friendship, shared interests, and service among university and community women.

I hope everyone will join us for our 50th Anniversary Celebration at the **Fall Gathering**, our first meeting of the new year on **Wednesday, October 5th at 11am at the UCSC Arboretum**. One of my goals as in-coming President coincides with our 50th Anniversary by making sure we have a complete archive of our club's history. We'll work on that all year, and I invite anyone with knowledge of our club's history, or interested in doing some research, to join me.

A recent survey of club members revealed that our members find equal value in the interesting topics presented at our monthly meetings and the club's numerous interest groups. Our monthly program meetings begin on **November 2nd**, and 1st Vice-Presidents Corinne Miller and Virginia Rivera are working on putting a slate of programs together that are sure to be as varied and interesting as past years have been.

Lunch, Gourmet Cooking, Mah-Jongg, Play Reading, Quilting, Travel, and Campus



Events. Whew! That's a lot of interesting things to get involved in! And if you have an idea for a group you don't see in that list, start one! Connect with Kerrie McCaffrey our Interest Group Coordinator if you have an idea.

This year, I hope to explore the development of a new interest group focusing on ways to leverage the insight and knowledge of the University that our membership possesses to support first generation students, who could benefit greatly from our extensive collective college experience.

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I think this undertaking fits well with our other major endeavor of supporting students through scholarships, and could also provide rewarding activity for interested members as well.

As mentioned, one of our club's primary goals is awarding scholarships for campus re-entry students. For the past 9 years our club has sponsored the Santa Cruz Chocolate Festival, which is currently undergoing a natural transition in its life-span. A group is forming to look at other ways to continue to raise funds for scholarships for re-entry students, and now is a great time for anyone with new ideas to join this important endeavor.



I also hope this year, to find ways for us to broaden our membership and include a more intergenerational membership base. Some members have already expressed interest in developing strategies to this end, and again, I encourage anyone with ideas to join this effort.

Finally, I'm honored and excited to serve as President as we celebrate the Club's 50th Anniversary. I look forward to working with all of you on continuing our good work and creating new connections among women at the University and in the community.

Sincerely,
Claudia Parrish

Upcoming Events and Programs

2016

October 5 - **Fall Gathering**, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, UCSC Arboretum.

November 2 - **General Meeting** - 11:30 am – 1:00 pm. Professor Emerita Ronnie Gruhn at the UCSC Arboretum.

December 13 - **Shadowbrook Fundraiser**

December 15 - **Chancellor's Holiday Party**, 2:00 pm-4:00 pm

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January 11 - **General Meeting**

Speaker Program at the Arboretum - 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

February 1 - **General Meeting**

Speaker Program at the Arboretum - 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

March 1 - **General Meeting**

Speaker Program at the Arboretum - 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

April 5 - **General Meeting**

Speaker Program at the Arboretum - 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

May 3 - **Annual Spring Luncheon and Scholarship Recognition**, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

May 13 - **Human Race Fundraiser**

July 1 - Memberships Renewable

Fall Gathering and 50th Anniversary Celebration

Our Fall Gathering on October 5th, from 11 am - 1pm, will provide everyone a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old or make new friends. Members and friends will also be able to learn more about and join one or more of the club's many fun interest groups. Lunch will be provided by our board with a special 50th birthday cake for dessert.

We look forward to everyone joining us on the 5th as we celebrate and acknowledge 50 years of friendship, shared interests, and service among university and community women.

November 2nd Program

THE US ELECTION IN GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

UCSC Professor Emerita in Political Science Isebill "Ronnie" Gruhn will be the guest speaker at our November 2 meeting. The title of her talk is "The US Election in Global Perspective".



Professor Gruhn came to UC Santa Cruz in 1969 as a member of the Politics Department and an affiliate of Stevenson College. Before coming to UC Santa Cruz she taught at Oberlin College.

One of very few tenured women during UCSC's early days and one of the first to serve as a high-level administrator, Professor Gruhn was the first female Dean of Social Sciences (1981-1983) and the first female Academic Vice Chancellor (acting) from 1987-1989.

She taught, and is a widely published scholar on, International Affairs, International Law, and International Institutions. Her research focused on developing societies with a specialization on Africa.

Professor Gruhn received her SBA from Dickinson College in Pennsylvania and her MA from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. She earned her PHD in Political Science from UC Berkeley.

Re-entry and Scholarship Giving News

By Bonnie McLeskey

Two longtime Women's Club members created Charitable Gift Annuities (CGA) with UC Santa Cruz that will benefit the Women's Club Scholarship for Re-entry Students.

Lee Gilbert, a member of the Women's Club for over three decades, and her husband Daniel created a CGA in 1999. When Lee passed on April 6, 2016, the remainder of the annuity was allocated to the Women's Club Scholarship. The Gilbert's sons Geoffrey and Paul are UC Santa Cruz alumni.

Bonita Sebastian, a UCSC retiree, as well as past president and longtime member of the Women's Club created a CGA in 2015. Her gift will also benefit the scholarship.

A Charitable Gift Annuity provides a fixed, lifetime income for up to two people, aged 50 and older. Remaining funds benefit a UCSC program of the donor's choice. Annuity payments can start immediately or be deferred to a future date, which results in a higher rate and payout. Call Virginia Rivera at (831) 459-5227 to request a customized illustration.

UCSC Women's Club Interest Groups

Joining one or more Interest Groups is a great way to make new friends. If you like Food, Books, Financial Planning, Gardening, Travel, Hiking, Bridge, Mah Jong, Music or other activities, come join us. We love making new friends and sharing the things we love to do. You can view a complete list of our many clubs by visiting us on our website: womensclub.ucsc.edu/activities/interest-groups

The following is a partial summary of some of the clubs and what they have been doing.

Book Clubs

The Women's Club has five book groups. Book Clubs 2 and 3 are not adding new members so that they can stay at a reasonable size. Book Clubs 1, 4 & 5 are welcoming new members. Book Club 1 meets the 2nd Friday of the month at 11:00 am. Book Club 4 meets the 2nd Wednesday from 7:30 - 9:00 pm. Book Club 5 meets the 3rd Monday from 1:00 - 2:30 pm.



English in Action

Would you like to meet people from other countries?

English in Action volunteers help international visitors practice English and learn more about life in the U.S. Many researchers and visiting scholars come to Santa Cruz with their families. Visiting spouses who don't have a community appreciate the support of a volunteer to improve their English skills.

Many of the foreign students are from Asia, but students also originate from Europe, Africa, the Middle East and South America.

The program consists of an informal, non-structured meeting which gives the foreign scholar, student or spouse an opportunity to practice conversational English and ask questions about the community. Usually the meetings are once a week for an hour or so, but the time, location and number of meetings depend on what works for the students and the volunteer. It is not a class, but a one-to-one conversation. If you would like more information on the program or would like to volunteer, contact Karin Grobe, kgrobe@wormdoctor.org, 427-0984.

Here is Karin and her student Caichung in 2014:



Financial Planning Club

Meets the 1st WEDNESDAY of the month 10:00 - 11:00 am on the Westside of Santa Cruz, conveniently ending 30 minutes prior to the monthly Women's Club General Meeting at the Arboretum. The focus of this new group is Financial Planning. The club offers a Speaker Series with topics on Insurance, Estate & Legacy Planning, Real Estate, Health & Medical Care, Retirement benefits & more. Sign up to receive email notification of upcoming topics, and attend when you can. Contact Jane McKenzie: jmckenzie@protectedinvestors.com or Virginia Rivera: vrivera@ucsc.edu

Garden Club 2

Garden Club 2 is excursions based. Each member, or sometimes two members together, plan an excursion and coordinate carpooling to the event. In February we visited the Succulent Gardens in Castroville and lunched together in Moss Landing before heading home. In April, club members toured the Gamble Gardens and five other Palo Alto home gardens for ideas in creating outdoor living spaces and utilizing some water-wise plantings. While at the Gamble House we shopped the Gamble House boutique of gently used treasures and lunched in the garden. Here is

one of the lovely gardens we viewed on our home garden tour:



July found members touring Half Moon Bay's Fish+Farm+Flowers annual event where we toured a cut flower farm, a hydroponic farm and a goat farm where we met the goats and sampled prize-winning cheeses. The impressive hydroponic farm managed a lettuce growing operation in a giant greenhouse, where lettuce starts floated in water on Styrofoam flats, growing to maturity in just 4 weeks:



In August members enjoyed the art installations at Sierra Azul Nursery in Watsonville. September is a tour of the Secret Gardens of Monterey and then lunch. October will find us at the Bancroft Gardens in Walnut Creek.

These Garden Club 2 excursions are reminders of the wonderful resources we have available to us throughout the county and the Bay Area. If you would like to join us on excursions and help plan one too, contact Lylian Pressel: lashka01@gmail.com or Lupe Allen: lupea@ucsc.edu

Hiking Club

The Hiking Club meets the 2ND Thursday of each month at 9:30 am. Plus there is one optional hike. The Hiking Club members enjoy the wonders of Northern California hiking trails in our immediate area. Members of the group rotate the responsibility of leading a hike and contacting everyone by email with details of time and meeting place to carpool. If the hike is over the lunch hour, everyone takes their picnic lunch.

New members are welcome at any time during the year. Attendance is on a come-as-you-can basis. Contact: Laurie Salatich: lsalatich@gmail.com

Here is a photo from a hike in Nisene Marks in Aptos.



Learn to Play Bridge

This group meets on the 1st & 4th Mondays of the month from 6:30-9:00 pm. It is designed for members who have never played Bridge and want to learn the game in a relaxed atmosphere, as well as those who want more practice in playing. But anyone who wants more practice or just enjoys the game can come to play on the other Mondays as well. Contact Irma Andrews irma_andrews@hotmail.com or Ellen Prichard evelyn.prichard@yahoo.com

Play Reading

Anyone can act out a part on-stage, the real challenge is to **read** a part and portray a character using voice inflections, arm gestures and body language. Come join a group of women who read plays each month. We laugh, we cry, we have fun. We meet on the 4th Thursday of each month in the afternoon. For more information or to join us, please contact May Clark at mwc@kestrel-press.com

Sew 'N' Sews

We are a group of 12 women, meeting each week since 2008. Most of us participate in other groups of PVQA, a county Guild that produces the yearly QUILT SHOW at the County Fairgrounds. We love what we do. If any of our Women's Club members would like information on starting a 2nd Quilting group, please contact me, escalonajo1@gmail.com or call 831-425-1671.

UCSC Events

Our newest club UCSC Events focuses on bringing the campus and the community together. Members are invited to attend campus lectures and presentations in Science, Music, Art, Film and Theater. It's an opportunity for those who are unfamiliar with the campus to partner with those of us who know our way around a bit. We meet at convenient locations off-campus and carpool to events together. Members are welcome to bring a friend who may not yet be a Women's Club member but who would like to meet others and attend some campus events. If you'd like to join, contact Pam Howell: pam@knitwitit.com

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 friendship 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 raise money for scholarships for UCSC re-entry students.

UCSC WOMEN'S CLUB INTEREST GROUPS 2016<http://womensclub.ucsc.edu>

INTEREST GROUP COORDINATOR

Kerrie McCaffrey

kerrie@cruzio.com

ADVENTURE CLUB

Monthly Outings chosen by group
We're hoping to re-initiate this club for 2016/17

BON APPETIT – A gourmet cooking group

Rusty Bowman: ebowman@ucsc.edu
CLOSED to New Members

BOOK CLUB 1

2nd Friday 11:00 am
Colleen Page: colleen_page@msn.com
NEW MEMBERS WANTED

BOOK CLUB 2

3rd Thursday, 1:00 pm
Alberta Nidever: 688-8931
CLOSED to New Members

BOOK CLUB 3 (BBBs)

2nd Wednesday, Noon
Cynthia Noble-Vesecky: cynoble@yahoo.com
CLOSED to New Members

BOOK CLUB 4 (Happy Bookers)

2ND Wednesday, 7:30 – 9:00 pm
Eleanor Southers: southers@verizon.net

BOOK CLUB 5

3rd Monday 1:00 – 2:30 pm
Mary Jane Chambers: mjchmbrs@sbcglobal.net
NEW MEMBERS WANTED

BRIDGE CLUB

2nd Tuesday, 12:30 pm
Evelyn Prichard: admin@evelynprichard.com

ENGLISH IN ACTION

Student Meeting Times To Be Arranged
Karin Grobe: kgrobe@wormdoctor.org

FIAT MUSICA CHORAL GROUP

Rehearsals every Thursday, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Michele Kibrick: kibrick@cruzio.com

FINANCIAL PLANNING

1st Wednesday, 10:00 - 11:00
Jane McKenzie: jmckenzie@protectedinvestors.com
Virginia Rivera: vrivera@ucsc.edu

GARDEN CLUB 1

2ND Monday, 11:00 - 1:00 pm
Cherry Thompson: cherrythompson@gmail.com
Barbara Vorlop: bvorlop@comcast.net
Liaison: Trician Comings: triciansc@mindspring.com
CLOSED to New Members

GARDEN CLUB 2

Monthly Excursions chosen by members
Lupe Allen: lupea@ucsc.edu
Lilian Pressel: lashka01@gmail.com

HIKING CLUB

2ND Thursday, 9:30 am, plus 1 optional hike
Laurie Salatich: lsalatich@gmail.com

LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE

1ST and 4TH Mondays, 6:30 – 9:00 pm
Irma Andrews: irma_andrews@hotmail.com
Evelyn Prichard: admin@evelynprichard.com

LUNCH BUNCH 1

3RD Friday, 11:30
Alice Rink: alicerink@gmail.com

LUNCH BUNCH 2

1st Friday, 11:30
Toni Wagner: tmwagner3@gmail.com

MAH JONGG CLUB 1

Every Tuesday, 1:00 pm
Hazel Powell: hpowellb40@aol.com

MAH JONGG CLUB 2

Every Tuesday, 10am - 12:30 pm
Dorothy Carroll: doneto@sbcglobal.net

PLAY READING

4th Thursday, 1:00 – 3:00/4:00 pm
May Clark: mwc@kestrel-press.com

SEW 'N' SEWS

Every Wednesday, 1:00 pm
Jo Barbier escalonajo1@gmail.com

TRAVEL CLUB

Last Monday, 10:00 - 11:30 am
Rusty Bowman: ebowman@ucsc.edu
CLOSED to New Members

UCSC EVENTS

Monthly Outings: Campus Events chosen by members
Pam Howell: pam@knitwitit.com
NEW MEMBERS WANTED

WESTSIDE LUNCH CLUB

2nd Wednesday, 12:30-1:30 pm
Rusty Bowman: ebowman@ucsc.edu