

President's Message

Claudia Parrish



Happy Spring!

This year, my first as the UC Santa Cruz Women's Club President, has really flown by! I'm not sure if it's a result of my age or the non-stop news and developments

that have filled our lives during the past nine months that distort our experience of time. Whatever it is, this year has been eventful for the UC Santa Cruz Women's Club, as well.

We've enjoyed wonderful events together, beginning with the Fall Gathering celebrating our 50th Anniversary when we honored our past presidents. We've also enjoyed fascinating speakers at our monthly club meetings arranged by First Vice Presidents Corinne Miller and Virginia Rivera.

We've welcomed the opportunities to make new friends, too, with guests from both campus and the community attending several of our monthly meetings for the first time. Our many varied interest groups are thriving, as well. From Mah Jongg and bridge to book clubs, lunch, travel, gardening, hiking and quilting groups, and more, our members enjoy each other's company pursuing a very wide range of interests. It's wonderful to see how we're fulfilling

one of our club's main objectives by fostering community between both campus affiliates and community members.

We held or participated in several fundraisers starting with the night at the Shadowbrook in December, to Giving Day in March, and our own member's book sale. Still to come is the **Human Race** on Saturday May 13, a really fun event with people from all over the community raising money for their favorite charity by walking along our world class West Cliff Drive. It's not too late to participate in our final fundraiser by either pledging to walk yourself, or just donating to the Women's Club at <https://humanracesc.org/>. This year, we decided to put the Chocolate Festival on hiatus and are still considering an event (or two) that can achieve the level of success of that event. Anyone with ideas or interest in helping with fundraising please contact Laurie Salatich, our Fundraising Coordinator.

Because of the success of our previous fund raising efforts, this year the Board decided to increase the award level for our Re-entry Student Scholarships. In early May, we enjoyed the fruition of our efforts at the Annual Spring Luncheon when we met and heard the inspiring stories from this year's scholarship recipients.

I am grateful to have gotten to know many club members this year, and especially to work with such a dedicated, generous and fun group of women on the

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Women's Club Board. They work hard to make our club run smoothly and we should all appreciate their efforts; I know I do.

In gratitude for your interest and enthusiasm for the continued vitality of the UC Santa Cruz Women's Club,

Claudia Parrish, President

Upcoming Events and Programs

2017

May 13 - Human Race Fundraiser – Register to support the UCSC Women's Club

July 1 - Memberships Renewable

The Human Race Fundraiser

CALLING ALL HIKERS AND WALKERS! Saturday, May 13th is the 37th annual Human Race where magic is being made! The theme of this year's race is "Give more - Grant Wishes - Make Magic!" The organizers of this year's race want to acknowledge the difference we make when we raise funds for deserving causes. We really do grant wishes!

There are two ways to participate! You can pledge someone who is walking OR you can walk yourself! Pledges can be of any dollar value. To walk costs \$35.00. Breakfast, lunch and a t-shirt, pre-race warm-ups, live music and family friendly activities are included in the entry fee.

Dig out your fairy wings or superman cape! The organizers encourage entrants to dress up!! The walk-a-thon is a lot of fun, and it's a beautiful walk from 2300 Delaware Avenue to the lighthouse and back.

The walk-a-thon starts at 8 am. Sally Gaynor (sally.gaynor@gmail.com, 831- 425-7877) will organize where the group will meet on race day. Please contact Sally if you want to join in the fun!

For more information on The Human Race, please see: <https://humanracesc.org/race-day>



Intercampus Exchange Day at UC Merced

Four Women's Club members enjoyed a day at the UC Merced campus on March 29. Ellen Kimmel, Hazel Powell, Laurie Salatich and Bonita Sebastian participated in the annual exchange program our club enjoys with UC Berkeley, UC Davis and UC Merced.



Laurie Salatich, Bonita Sebastian, Ellen Kimmel and Hazel Powell enjoy the Intercampus Exchange Day at UC Merced.

UC Merced, which opened in 2005 on former golf course land, has an enrollment of 6,815 undergraduate and 521 graduate students. Faculty and staff total 1,474, affording an excellent faculty to student ratio. The university offers 22 majors and 14 graduate programs in three schools: The School of Engineering; The School of Natural Sciences; and The School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts. Planned is the Ernest and Julio Gallo School of Management. The 2020 project will double the present campus size to accommodate 10,000 students. Campus architecture reflects the agricultural community of the Central Valley with its steel silos, barns, sheds and open spaces, offering plentiful natural light.

The exchange day began with campus tours guided by Bobcat (UCM mascot) students. The seventy participants then gathered in a lecture hall to learn about campus plans. The first UCM faculty member talk was given by Professor Stephen Shackelton who also works with the global National Parks Institute (<http://parkleadership.ucmerced.edu/about-npi>). Yosemite Leadership Program brings UC Merced undergraduates into the park for research, internships, volunteering and employment. They become park rangers and work at Wawona during the summer. UCM also runs Nature Bridge in Yosemite, a youth hands-on environmental science program bringing science to life for more than 30,000 children and teens each year.

The second speaker was Professor Clarissa Nobile who runs the UCM Nobile lab (<http://faculty.ucmerced.edu/nobilelab>) which studies bio films, the microbes that form plaque on our teeth and now, more frequently, grow inside our bodies to cause septic shock.

The luncheon speaker was Gregg Camfield, Vice Provost for the Faculty. He's published widely on American literature and culture — from 18th century poet Joel Barlow to the television cartoon Beavis and Butt-Head. He entertained us with comments on Mark Twain and American literary humor and journalism.

After lunch, we had tours, one of which went to the Merced Vernal Pools and Grassland Reserve (<http://vernalpools.ucmerced.edu/about>), part of the 6,500 protected acres adjacent to the university.

The land is used to conduct research and to offer education that will benefit the university and the Central Valley. UC Merced is a burgeoning campus and well worth visiting.

-Hazel Powell

UCSC Women's Club Interest Groups

One of the best things about belonging to the UCSC Women's Club is the social element of belonging and sharing the joys of playing, learning and being active. Joining one or more of our Interest Groups (Clubs) is a great way to get together with old friends and make new ones. If you think you would enjoy occasional excursions to sites around the Bay Area, if you might like to lend your kindness and talents to helping visitors learn English, if you would like to know more about Financial Planning, come join us. We have an array of clubs related to food, books, gardening, travel, hiking, Bridge, Mah Jongg, singing and attending campus events. You can view a complete list of our Clubs on the last page of this Newsletter or you can check us out on our website:

<http://womensclub.ucsc.edu/activities/interest-groups/index.html>

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

Book Club 3

The Brown Bag Bibliophiles enjoyed a wonderful holiday lunch at Cynthia Noble-Vesecky's beautifully decorated home. While discussing our book of the month, *H is for Hawk* by Helen Macdonald, we enjoyed treats including delicious homemade soup, cookies, and candy. (As you can tell, we have moved beyond the brown bag scenario.)

We are currently (May) reading *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr; several members traveled to San Jose recently to hear the author speak. This year we also read *Barbarian Days* by William Finnegan, *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel, and *The Piano Tuner* by Daniel Mason.

Each month, one member of the group presents three books and the others vote on the one to read;

later, the presenter leads the discussion of the book. We have been together for about 17 years and have also become good friends.

We try to get together to see movies that are produced from a book we have read, and, once a year, we plan a book-related outing. We also read one "classic" book per year- such as *1984* by George Orwell or *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee.

I believe it has helped all of us read and (mostly) enjoy books we might not have thought to read. That is the sign of a good book club!

-Bonita Sebastian



Hiking Club

Many of our winter and spring hikes were cancelled due to rain, but 6 hikers recently enjoyed the result of all that moisture by exploring the green, wildflower-bedecked hills at Ft. Ord. We usually hike on the second Thursday of each month but the leader's schedule is subject to change so watch for email notices of upcoming hikes! To join the email list or if you are interested in leading a hike, contact Laurie at Lsalatich@gmail.com

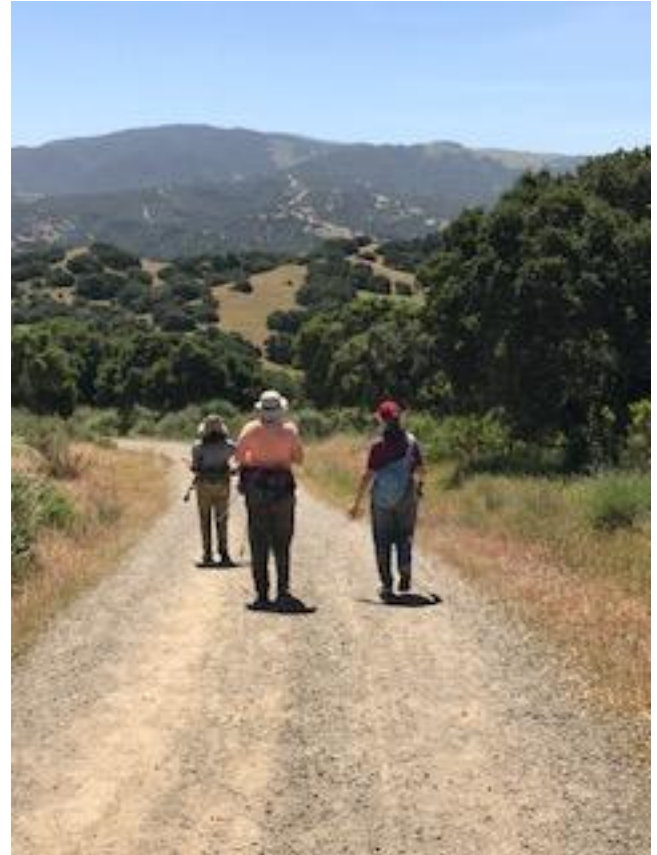


Photo: Gloria Williams, Joan Zimmerman and Laurie Salaticy at Ft. Ord

Garden Club 1

Photo: Joan Griffiths, Maxine Lane, Marge Gregory, Lupe Allen and Robynn Walters during the April 10th meeting of UC Garden Club 1 at Marilee Westen's home.



Garden Club 2

The Garden Club 2 attended the Gamble Gardens Tour in April.

The Elizabeth F. Gamble Garden, a non-profit organization, is a precious and uncommon resource for everyone. Located in Old Palo Alto, the historic property has a rich legacy, a commitment to education, and year-round beauty. Come see Gamble for yourself—it's free and open to the public every day during daylight hours.

The historic two-and-a-half-acre property includes a rose garden, cutting garden, formal herb garden, demonstration bed, wisteria garden, and an allée.



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 2016/2017<http://womensclub.ucsc.edu>**INTEREST GROUP COORDINATOR**

Kerrie McCaffrey

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ADVENTURE CLUB

Monthly Outings chosen by group
 Sharon Cooper: coop2612@sbcglobal.net
 Alice Rink: alicerink@gmail.com

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: vvriviera@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

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

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
 Kerrie McCaffrey: Kerrie@cruzio.com
 Coordinator Wanted
 NEW MEMBERS WANTED

WESTSIDE LUNCH CLUB

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