

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

### Message from the President

Happy Holidays!

At year's end we reflect on the events of the past year and look forward to the next, celebrate holidays and good times with family and friends, and participate in acts of giving. These activities enrich our lives and nurture our relationships, similar to the benefits experienced and bestowed through our involvement with the UCSC Women's Club.

Our Mission Statement includes a purpose of fostering friendships between town and gown; we certainly achieve this goal through our interest groups and other social activities. Another purpose is to be of service to the university and to encourage understanding and support for the mission and functions of the university. As an affiliate of UCSC, we are under the university's umbrella, receiving the benefit of staff support (thank you Kathy Rouhier) and use of the computer systems essential for our membership database and financial accounting.

As our special goal of service to UCSC, the Women's Club chose the development of scholarships for UCSC re-entry students. Those of us who have attended a Spring Luncheon, where the scholarships are awarded, have listened to the recipients speak about the obstacles they overcame to reach the university, about the exciting research they are conducting, and their goals for the future. We leave impressed and pleased that we were able to play a small role in helping these promising students achieve their dreams. If you haven't attended a luncheon, I'm sure you've known a re-entry student (or were one yourself) whose higher education was delayed by child-rearing or military service, or returned to school after a divorce, dead-end career or loss of primary household income.

The UCSC re-entry students are the reason for our fundraising activities. Thank you to all who donate time and funds!

UCSC will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2015 and many special events are planned. You'll find the calendar at <https://events.ucsc.edu/category/50years>. This is an opportunity for members of the community (including members of the Women's Club) to visit the campus and learn more about the functions of the university.

I hope you will join us in the upcoming club activities. Thanks to Nancy Eder and Corinne Miller, we have interesting speakers lined up for our general meetings. The January 7 General Meeting will have a chocolate theme in preparation for the annual Santa Cruz Chocolate Festival. Come join the celebration of all things chocolate on January 18 at the Cocoanut Grove and invite your family, friends and neighbors! We certainly appreciate the efforts of Ann Berry-Kline in organizing this successful annual fundraiser.

If you are interested in serving on the Women's Club Board of Directors or in helping to plan one of our annual activities, please contact me at [Lsalatich@gmail.com](mailto:Lsalatich@gmail.com). With a commitment of less than 2 hours per month, you'll make new friends while benefitting your club.

Happy New Year

*Laurie Salatich*

*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.*

# General Meetings

**Catholic Sisters in the Post-War Caribbean: Notes on a Recent Dissertation in History** is the title of Elizabeth Mullins' talk at our **January 7<sup>th</sup>** general meeting.

Professor Mullins teaches History and Women's Studies at Monterey Peninsula College in Monterey. Before becoming an historian she was a staff member in the Psychology Department at UCSC for six years. She left university service to go to graduate school in 2006. She received her Master's in History in 2009 and a Ph.D. in March 2014, both from UC Santa Cruz. Her dissertation explored the history of a group of Catholic Sisters who founded a girls' preparatory school in the Dominican Republic after WWII. The school hosted a truly unusual and interesting environment for young women in the Dominican Republic to become bilingual in English and Spanish and receive a degree recognized both by the U.S and Dominican Republic. The Sisters built, founded, and ran the school while struggling to balance the competing demands of U.S. officials, the Dominican education system, the Congregation's director, and the notorious dictator who ran the Dominican Republic until the 1960s, Rafael Trujillo.

On **February 4<sup>th</sup>** our speaker will be Nicole W. Douglas M.A., an environmental scientist and landscape architect.

The title of her talk is **Water Conservation and an Ecological Approach to Gardening**

Nicole Douglas is a Santa Cruz-based landscape designer and project manager with a focus on water conservation and an ecological approach to gardening. With two master's degrees in environmental science and a background in art and design, Nicole combines her expertise to create exquisite, water-wise, habitat gardens county-wide and beyond. Nicole loves to educate others on the topics that she is passionate about and gives regular lectures and presentations throughout the county on a variety of subjects relevant to sustainable landscape

design. Members will learn more about California native and Mediterranean plants, water efficient irrigation, creating healthy soil, design tips and aesthetics, and more! Anyone with a yard of any size and/or interest in gardening will benefit from this presentation.

On March 4<sup>th</sup> Mike Ryan, Co-Artistic Director Santa Cruz Shakespeare, will speak about **The Second Season: Setting the Stage at Santa Cruz Shakespeare.**

Santa Cruz Shakespeare (SCS) is a new, independent non-profit theatre company rooted in Santa Cruz, and dedicated to the plays of William Shakespeare and other dynamic playwrights whose work celebrates language. SCS is carrying on the tradition of professional, thought-provoking and passionate theater in Santa Cruz.

After a very successful inaugural 2014 summer season the company is planning for 2015.

Artistic Director Ryan will fill us in on the plays of the season and what creative surprises may be in store for audiences.

Mike first came to Santa Cruz in 1997 and launched a long career with Shakespeare Santa Cruz; he appeared in over 35 productions with the company before it was closed at the end of 2013. Bay Area audiences may also know him from performances with American Conservatory Theater, San Jose Repertory Theater, Jewel Theater Company and Aurora.

Mr. Ryan received his BFA from Southern Methodist University, where he was a National Merit Scholar, and his MFA from the University of California San Diego. From 2003 to 2009 he was a member of the acting faculty at UCSC.

All of the meetings will be at 11:30 at the Arboretum.

## And a Special Meeting

This year is our club's turn to host the Intercampus gathering with our sister clubs from the other Northern California UC campuses. We have set the date, March 26, 2015. It's our chance to show off our campus, and it just happens to coincide with UCSC's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday year. Stay tuned for more information.



The 8th Annual Santa Cruz Chocolate Festival is coming up FAST! **January 18<sup>th</sup>** is the date. We are gearing up for another fun filled event. It takes countless hours of volunteers working to get vendors, silent auction items, cash sponsorships, setting up the venue and so much more. Our enthusiastic organizer Ann Berry-Kline thanks all past volunteers and encourages any of you who haven't signed up yet to volunteer to please do so at <http://womensclub.ucsc.edu/fundraising/chocolate-festival/volunteer.html>.

We have 30+ vendors with products ranging from ice cream to hot chocolate, from health products to the most sinful of desserts! There will be wine and coffee as well. Face painting and cupcake decorating will be available too for the young and the young at heart!

Special guests will be the Santa Cruz Derby Girls and Chef Anne Baldzikowski will be available to sign her newly released book, *Easy Artisan*. It has simple elegant recipes for the everyday cook.

If you can contribute to the silent auction, we will take items up until the event. These must be new items that are valued at \$50 or more.

New to the event this year, we are offering a Chocolate Workshop from 11am-1pm on that day as well! Chocolate Alchemy 101 lead by Brian Wallace of Endorfin Chocolat will conduct an experiential workshop. Participants will take home several items and learn a lot

about chocolate's roots and health benefits! Tickets are to be purchased in advance and online at <http://womensclub.ucsc.edu/fundraising/chocolate-festival/chocolate-workshop.html>

Get ready to nominate and vote for your favorite chocoholic! Nominations will be received from January 2 - 9 and voting begins on January 12<sup>th</sup>!

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## *Interest Groups*

Interest Groups attract many women to join the Women's Club. Joining one or several groups is a great way to make new friends. See the complete list in the calendar that follows. There are two new groups:

### Westside Lunch Club

The Westside Lunch Club was recently formed to allow working members, who have a limited lunch period, to connect for a quick meal. The Club meets from 12:30 - 1:30 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at different venues. The Club welcomes new members. If you wish to join, you may contact Fereshteh Fatemi, [ferangelika@mac.com](mailto:ferangelika@mac.com), to be added to the email notification list. We look forward to seeing new and old friends. See the group's first meeting:



### Mah Jongg 2 Club

Dorothy Carroll enjoys the challenge of Mah Jongg and enjoys sharing her enthusiasm of the game with others.

Here's her invitation to play:

I first learned to play from the grand dame herself, HELEN PALMER, long standing member of UCSC Women's Club, who passed

away in 2014. I am privileged to actually have some of HELEN'S MAH JONGG SETS! Eight years ago I became a 'player' and have played ever since. I invite you to join me at my home in Watsonville to play/learn this fascinating game. Every time you play there's something new and something learned, and all for fun! Please contact me to join our group at [doneto@sbcglobal.net](mailto:doneto@sbcglobal.net) or 831.768.8268. All are welcome. We meet Tuesdays from 10 am until 12:30 pm.

Have a look at some of the other Interest Groups:



Ilene Wilson, Phyllis Norris, Joan Griffiths, Mary Ellen Irons, and Jo Ann Martindale of the UC **Garden Club** at the Nov. 17th meeting at Cabrillo Horticulture Department



The **Hiking Group** last October took a break at the top of the ridge at Land of Medicine Buddha in Soquel before descending back through the oaks and into the redwood forest. There they spied little shrines and prayer wheels.



**Virginia Law's Bridge Group** is starting its 4th year with the same members -- talk about avid players! But the group is always looking for players who are willing to sub (call Virginia Law) when a regular get called away for whatever reason. Subs are appreciated and treated well and they have fun playing. Jo Barbier brings some interesting prizes wrapped in newspaper ads. At Halloween, Marian Brown (pictured with Lynn Roberts) won a wonderful mask -- just in time for the Halloween onslaught in her neighborhood.

## Some Reminders

- Guests are welcome at all our general meetings. Bring a friend.
- Nominations for the 2014 Chocoholic may be made from January 2<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>. Voting begins on January 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Hazel Powell welcomes input from all of us about club activities for our website. Information and pictures from our fundraisers and interest groups are welcome.
- Women's Club members provide the yummy savory and sweet food at our general meetings. Sign up for one meeting during the year. It must be finger food – no utensils needed!

**UCSC Women's Club Interest Group Calendar  
January, February and March 2015  
Check [womensclub.ucsc.edu](http://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 Adventure Club activities (4-6 outings per year) contact Mary Ann Hobbs or Lori Green.

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

The meeting times for English in Action are variable. Contact Karin Grobe.

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

**JANUARY CALENDAR**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>INTEREST GROUP</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>
5,12,19,26	WEST SIDE WALKERS	3:00	Rusty Bowman
5,19	BIKING GROUP, Out of area	9:00	Chris Zemny, Ilene Wilson, Lorraine Margon
5,26	LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE	6:00/6:30-9:00	Irma Andrews
6,13,20,27	MAH JONGG CLUB 2	10 -12:30	Dorothy Carroll
6,13,20,27	MAH JONGG CLUB 1	1:00	Hazel Powell
6,13,20,27	SEW 'N' SEWS	6:00	Jo Barbier
8,15,22,29	BIKING GROUP, Local rides	9:00	Chris Zemny, Ilene Wilson, Lorraine Margon
8	HIKING GROUP	9:30	Laurie Salatich, Louise West
8	BOOK CLUB 1	7:00	Colleen Page
8,15,22,29	FIAT MUSICA	7:00-8:30	Michele Kibrick
12	GARDEN CLUB	11:00-1:00	Trician Comings
12	PLAYREADING	1:00-3:00/4:00	May Clark
13	BRIDGE CLUB	12:30	Virginia Law
14	BOOK CLUB 3	NOON	
14	WESTSIDE LUNCH CLUB	12:30-1:30	Fereshteh Fatemi
14	BOOK CLUB 4	7:30-9:00	Eleanor Southers
15	BOOK CLUB 2	1:00	
16	LUNCH BUNCH	Noon	Alice Rink
19	BOOK CLUB 5	1.00-2.30	Mary Jane Chambers
26	TRAVEL GROUP	10:00-11.30	Rusty Bowman

**FEBRUARY CALENDAR**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>INTEREST GROUP</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>
2, 9, 16, 23	WEST SIDE WALKERS	3:00	Rusty Bowman
2, 16	BIKING GROUP, Out of area	9:00	Chris Zemny, Ilene Wilson, Lorraine Margon
2, 23	LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE	6:00/6:30-9:00	Irma Andrews
3,10,17,24	MAH JONGG CLUB 2	10 -12:30	Dorothy Carroll
3,10,17,24	MAH JONGG CLUB 1	1:00	Hazel Powell
3,10,17,24	SEW 'N' SEWS	6:00	Jo Barbier
5,12,19,26	BIKING GROUP, Local rides	9:00	Chris Zemny, Ilene Wilson, Lorraine Margon
5,12,19,26	FIAT MUSICA	7:00-8:30	Michele Kibrick
9	GARDEN CLUB	11:00-1:00	Trician Comings
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12	BOOK CLUB 1	7:00	Colleen Page
16	BOOK CLUB 5	1.00-2.30	Mary Jane Chambers
19	BOOK CLUB 2	1:00	
20	LUNCH BUNCH	Noon	Alice Rink
23	TRAVEL GROUP	10:00-11.30	Rusty Bowman

**MARCH CALENDAR**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>INTEREST GROUP</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>
2, 9,16,23,30	WEST SIDE WALKERS	3:00	Rusty Bowman
2, 16	BIKING GROUP, Out of area	9:00	Chris Zemny, Ilene Wilson, Lorraine Margon
2, 23	LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE	6:00/6:30-9:00	Irma Andrews
3, 10,17,24,31	MAH JONGG CLUB 2	10 -12:30	Dorothy Carroll
3, 10,17,24,31	MAH JONGG CLUB 1	1:00	Hazel Powell
3, 10,17,24,31	SEW 'N' SEWS	6:00	Jo Barbier
5,12,19,26	BIKING GROUP, Local rides	9:00	Chris Zemny, Ilene Wilson, Lorraine Margon

5,12,19,26	FIAT MUSICA	7:00-8:30	Michele Kibrick
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19	BOOK CLUB 2	1:00	
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**Save the date – January 18<sup>th</sup>  
Chocolate Festival at the Cocoanut  
Grove**



**Watch for details about the  
Phantom Tea coming up in  
March**

