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Mission Statement

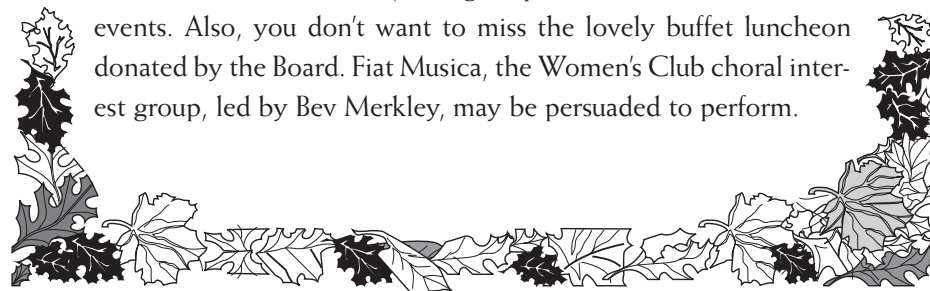
The UCSC Women's Club is open to all women of the campus and town communities. Its purpose is to be of service to the university, to foster friendships between town and gown, and to encourage understanding and support for the mission and functions of the university. A special goal of the club is to develop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



You're invited to the Fall Gathering

Wednesday, October 3, 11:30 am – 1 pm
UCSC Arboretum, Horticultural II Building

The Fall Gathering is an opportunity to learn about the UCSC Women's Club's goals, interest groups and activities, socialize with friends both old and new, and get up-to-date information about events. Also, you don't want to miss the lovely buffet luncheon donated by the Board. Fiat Musica, the Women's Club choral interest group, led by Bev Merkley, may be persuaded to perform.



President's Message

I am delighted to welcome you to another year of learning, fellowship and fun at the UC Santa Cruz Women's Club. This, our 42nd year of raising money for scholarships, promises entertaining and intellectually stimulating programs coordinated by 1st Vice President Sally Lester.

Once again, for the majority of our 1st Wednesday general program meetings, the UC Santa Cruz Arboretum welcomes us to their facility. We hope you will join us! Similar to last year, the December Holiday Party will include ten other campus affiliate groups; there will be no January meeting; and the February meeting will be held at the Seymour Center at the Long Marine Lab. For more on program meeting dates and locations, please see page 3 or visit our web site, <http://womensclub.ucsc.edu>.

Still a great place to learn, share experiences, enjoy refreshments, and meet community and campus women of all ages and backgrounds while providing scholarships for re-entry students, our club distributed \$10,000 in scholarships last year.

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For up-to-date Club information, please visit our web site, <http://womensclub.ucsc.edu>

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- Publicity - Bonita Sebastian
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- Lulu Durham
- Nutan Kopel
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Some of the UCSC Women's Club Board Members at the May 2nd Spring Luncheon.
 Front row: Mary Wells, Cynthia Noble-Vesecky, Bonita Sebastian, Andrea Cohen, Liz Evanovich.
 Back row: Lorraine Margon, Ellen Kimmel, Lulu Durham, May Clark, Laurie Salatich, Sally Lester, Sarah Schuster, Bev Merkley

GOALS for 2007-08

From the President

In 2006-07, our club focused on increasing and expanding our membership and our donations to the Rita Olsen Pister Endowed Fund. Together we have made great strides towards meeting both of these goals. Our club membership increased from 150 to 200. Welcome new and returning members!! And the Rita Olsen Pister Endowed Fund topped \$107,000. A heartfelt thanks to all who contributed!

Our club offers so much on so many levels! Let's continue aiming to add to our membership rolls. Please consider inviting a guest: friend, neighbor, relative, or anyone you think might be interested in our club, mission and/or interest groups to attend the October 3 Fall Gathering or any other general meeting. Guests are always welcome and appreciated.

Also, let's focus on increasing donations to the Rita Olsen Pister Endowed Fund, which because of the way

endowment funds generate income, becomes a "gift that keeps on giving" and ultimately requires less hands-on fundraising effort over time!

Many thanks,
Andrea Cohen



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Please peruse this newsletter to learn more about last year's scholarship recipients, up-coming plans, and interest group activities and events. I hope you'll feel free to contact me with your questions or concerns: 831-459-2919 or acohen@ucsc.edu.

I'm looking forward to another exciting year for all of us at the UCSC Women's Club. See you in October!

Sincerely yours,
Andrea Cohen
2007-08 President

• Please remember to send in your membership dues! •

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UCSC WOMEN'S CLUB PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY LUNCHEONS ARE FROM 11:30 AM – 1 PM

OCTOBER 3

Horticulture II, UCSC Arboretum

Fall Gathering

NOVEMBER 7

Horticulture II, UCSC Arboretum

Alison Galloway, Ph.D. Professor of Anthropology, Vice Provost of Academic Affairs *"Throw Me a Bone"*

Dr. Galloway talks about her work in forensic anthropology.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2-5 PM (tentative)

University Center

Acting Chancellor George

Blumenthal hosts the second annual

UCSC Friends Groups Holiday

Open House to celebrate giving.

NO JANUARY MEETING

FEBRUARY 6

La Feliz Room, Seymour Center,
Long Marine Lab

Andrea Steiner, Ph.D. Research Associate Professor and Lecturer in Community Studies

"Between Apocalypse and the Brave New World: Filling in Real-World Spaces of Population Aging"

MARCH 5

Horticulture II, UCSC Arboretum

Lisa Sloan, Ph.D. Professor of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies *"California Climate Change: Possible Future Climate and Impacts"*

APRIL 2

Horticulture II, UCSC Arboretum

Catherine Soussloff, Ph.D. UC Presidential Chair and Professor, History of Art and Visual Culture *"Crossing Disciplines and Media Borders in Art History and Visual Culture"*

MAY 7

Peachwoods at Pasatiempo

Spring Luncheon

with

Scholarship Recipients

MEMBERSHIP FEE CHANGES

Approved by a unanimous vote of our general membership at the May 2, 2007 Spring Luncheon, and effective as of July 1, 2007, our annual membership fee structure is as follows: General \$35, Senior (65+) \$25, Student (\$15). This slight dues increase is the first in ten years and will help to cover increased operating expenses (facility rental, copying, postage, etc.). Thank you for your continued interest and support!

INTERCAMPUS MEETING REMINDER

The Intercampus Gathering for the northern California campuses: UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC San Francisco and UC Santa Cruz will be hosted by UC Berkeley and is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 25, 2008. When details are confirmed and available, we will update our web site. **PLEASE SAVE THE DATE.**

NEWCOMERS' LUNCHEON

Women's Club members, or prospective members, joining since January 2007 are invited to join board members for a Newcomers' Luncheon, scheduled on October 24 hosted by 2nd Co-Vice Presidents Cynthia Noble-Vesucky and Vanessa Tollefson. Details will be shared at the Fall Gathering on October 3rd, and will also be available from our website.

IN MEMORIAM

In June, Frances Spodick Drake, long-time, active UCSC Women's Club member, supporter, friend, mentor and colleague to many of us, passed away. We were grateful to have had the opportunity to work with and learn from Frances. She was a true friend, always welcoming, thoughtful and positive. She will be missed by all of us!

Donations in her honor are currently being accepted.

Please make checks payable to the "UCSC Foundation." On the memo line write "In memory of Frances S. Drake."

Then, send to: Liz Evanovich, Chancellor's Office/UCSC, 1156 High Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95064

Our staff liaison, Liz Evanovich, welcomes your related questions, 831-459-1325.

Meet Our 2006-07 Scholarship Recipients

Each spring the UCSC Women's Club grants scholarships to deserving re-entry students at UCSC. This year the scholarship committee awarded twelve scholarships for a total of \$10,000 to the following women who were honored at our May luncheon.

EUNICE BLAVACUNAS

Eunice is a Ph.D. student in cultural anthropology with an interest in solving social and environmental problems. Her dissertation research explores how social memory constricts and enables successful nature conservation in northeastern Poland. Her scholarship will allow her to hire an assistant to transcribe interviews that are part of her research. She is the first in her family to obtain an advanced degree and hopes to teach environmental anthropology.

BRYANA BRITTS

After completing a sociology degree at UCSC in 1999, Bryana joined AmeriCorps and taught in an elementary school in a rural area of northern California. Two additional years of teaching in Thailand helped her realize that she wanted to be an educator. So she has returned to UCSC to complete a master's in education and a teaching credential. She will use her scholarship toward summer school fees. Bryana hopes to teach 4th grade in California public schools.



REGINA BUSH

The single mother of a school age daughter, Regina Bush is pursuing her degree in literature. With her associate's degree complete in December 2006, she says, "I am the first on both sides of my

family to receive any type of college degree." She successfully manages a stress injury to her writing arm. Her scholarship will fund a laptop computer. Her long term goal is to pursue a master of library science degree.

BILLIE "LEA" COX

Lea is pursuing an MFA in digital arts and new media. Her overall goal is to "create ways to shift human consciousness to encompass more than just a human-centric perspective," and her focus is on birds as representing another world view. Her scholarship will fund a bird identification course and allow her to continue with bird recordings, musical compositions, videos, and audio tours.



CHRISTINA HAMILL



After a significant break in enrollment, Christina returned to UCSC as a single mother with three small children to complete

her undergraduate degree in feminist studies. The scholarship provides child care expenses so that she can participate in facilitating a Summer of Service Tech Institute, providing a college preparation experience to students from areas with low high school graduation rates and even lower college attendance. Her long term goal is to pursue a master's degree in city and regional planning with an emphasis on community development.

FRANCES KARG

Frances was a re-entry undergraduate student to UCSC in fall 2005 and completed her bachelor's degree in marine biology. She is now pursuing a master's in education and teaching. She is using her scholarship to go toward summer fees. She is the first in her family to attend college, and she is excited about having the "ability to share the wonders of nature with students, especially those who would not otherwise have the means to have such experiences and possibly inspire some to become future marine biologists."

RUTH KIM

Ruth is a doctoral candidate in education, and her research "involves an ethnographic look at the experiences of young spoken word artists in the context of a non-profit, literary arts, youth organization." She will use her scholarship for the purchase of a new computer. A single mother of a five-year-old daughter, Ruth's future goals include university research and teaching, particularly of students who are underrepresented in higher education.



BLAIR MCLAUGHLIN



Blair is a third year Ph.D. student in the environmental studies program. Her dissertation project studies the decline of salmon and bear populations along

the California coast over the past 500 years through the tree rings of ancient redwoods. Her scholarship funds a course in dendrochronology, the science of dating historical events and environmental processes using the growth rings in trunks of ancient trees. She plans to teach and research in academia.

GERALYN LASIUK

As a community studies major, GERALYN will be completing her required two-quarter internship at Community Television of Santa Cruz. Her scholarship will go toward summer fees while she produces shows at Community Television that blend a discussion of current issues with live music of political songs to inspire and motivate the community. She has managed significant health problems to succeed at UCSC, and long-term she hopes to work with organizations that promote social justice.

BRENDA LYNN

Brenda is the single parent of an autistic child as well as an undergraduate student in chemistry. She will use her scholarship to purchase a new computer necessary for research, reports, three-dimensional molecular modeling and data analysis. Her long-term goal is to complete a Ph.D. to "investigate the chemistry of autism and hopefully contribute to unlocking the mysteries of this perplexing disorder."



MARINA SARRAN

Marina is a Ph.D. student in sociology. She came to UCSC as an immigrant woman with four children who had recently escaped a battering situation. She finished a bachelor's

degree and, encouraged by her faculty mentor, continued on to a doctorate. She will use her scholarship to fund software and transcription services toward completion of her dissertation. She plans to teach and research at the university level.

DEANNA SOLORZANO

A single mother from East Los Angeles College, Deanna is pursuing a bachelor's degree in sociology. Her success at UCSC has encouraged her to pursue a graduate program in education, with the possible goal of becoming a high school counselor or advisor. Her scholarship will defray costs of a GRE preparation course and summer session fees.

Interest Groups Invite New Members

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, transportation, or admission fees for some events. UCSC Women's Club members may sign up for the events at our October 3rd luncheon or contact the group leader directly.

ADVENTURE GROUP

Have you seen the fabulously colorful and interesting story quilts by Ellen Edith, a local fabric artist? Have you visited the little "cottage" for guests of William Randolph Hearst? Have you ever wandered through San Francisco Chinatown with someone who grew up there and listened to her tales of life in that area? Have you been to Sunset Magazine's annual celebration and made a lei or watched someone prepare duck crepes or wandered through their demonstration house? These and many more were the activities the Adventure Group participated in last year.

For our first adventure of the year we will be going to Gilroy Gardens (formerly



Jo Barbier learns about Chinatown from guide Bernice of Wok Wiz Tours

Bonfante Gardens) to enjoy one of their "Garden Days." The rides will not be in operation, but we will be able to enjoy the beautiful surroundings which include the circus trees and various gardens. There will be special seminars on how you can use your garden to create wonderful crafts, and wines will be featured as well. For this special day the admission is discounted to \$12. We hope

you will be joining us this coming year as we journey off to other interesting and educational venues. Not only do we explore events and places near and far, we have a great time getting to know each other as well. This year we will schedule trips in October, February, and either May or June. There may be other trips as members come up with additional ideas and are interested in leading them. Please be sure to sign up for this group so you can be contacted about where and when we will be going on our adventures. We wouldn't want you to miss out on all the fun!

Contact:
May Clark, mvc@kestrel-press.com

BON APPETIT

If you like to cook interesting meals and eat them, of course, you will enjoy Bon Appetit. We had a very successful "kick-off" season this year. The most recent event was a wonderful eight-course French dinner at Bev Merkley's home. This season's organizational meeting is in October. We look forward to having new members join us for an outstanding gourmet experience.

Contact: Amanda Van Loan,
pvanloan@ix.netcom.com

Meets four evenings a year.

BOOK CLUB 1

Members meet each month in participants' homes, enjoy lunch, and review a selected book.

Contact: Sue Reeves, 423-0505

Meets 1st Monday of each month,
1 – 2:30 pm

BOOK CLUB 4

We have a nice group of readers needing a leader. If you are interested in leading this group, contact Irma Andrews 688-3545 irma_andrews@hotmail.com

Meets 3rd Friday of each month,
noon – 1:30 pm

BRIDGE

Says Christine King, "If you are like me, I used to believe bridge was for my parents' generation who had time to make tea sandwiches and sit around all afternoon talking about their families while they played cards. It wasn't until I turned 50 that I decided to give it a try, and was I ever surprised at how much I enjoyed playing! It's mentally stimulating (keeping those brain cells active), challenging, often surprising, and most of all entertaining. I consider it part of my self-care regime along with swimming and meditating. "At the UCSC Women's Bridge Club, we share light snacks together and play for about three hours. Our members consist of (mostly retired) faculty and faculty wives and those of us who

can sneak away from our busy lives to enjoy a civilized afternoon of light-hearted conversation and mildly competitive cards. We'd love to have a few new members who know enough to understand the game and have a willingness to learn. If you're still a newbie, Irma Andrews can help you in the Learn to Play Bridge group. Check the article below for more about that. We will be at the October gathering to answer your questions and sign up new members. We look forward to welcoming you!"

Contacts:

Christine King 427-3399;
Marian Brown 475-7892

Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month,
12 – 3 pm, Messiah Lutheran Church

DRAMA QUEENS

You don't have to be an actress to join this interest group. This is a theater interest group. We will attend and discuss plays and shows together or in small groups. If you are interested in joining with kindred spirits to share drama, musical, dance, and other theatrical pieces, come and join us. The exact logistics, timing, meeting, and sharing will be determined at our first meeting on October 26.

Contact:

Bonita Sebastian, bonitas@ucsc.edu

ENGLISH IN ACTION

Meet with a UCSC student from a foreign country to help him/her practice conversational English.

Contact: Vanessa Tollefson,
Vanessat@ucsc.edu

FIAT MUSICA

Fiat Musica is the UCSC Women's Club vocal ensemble, a very active interest group, directed by Bev Merkley. If you

have been looking for a group to join, or would like to try something new, consider bringing more music into your life with FIAT MUSICA. In addition to performing at two Women's Club events each year, Fiat Musica has performed for the Soroptomist Club, the AAUW holiday event, and the Santa Cruz Newcomers' Club. The group sings a variety of musical genres - from Vivaldi to Gershwin and beyond- and has a great time making music together.

Contact: Bev Merkley,
bevmmerkley@yahoo.com

Meets Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:30 pm in West Santa Cruz



Fiat Musica performs for the Soroptomist Club at Hollins House in June.



The Garden Club visits Barbara Shield's spring garden

GARDEN CLUB

Members meet in participants' homes and enjoy a variety of gardening tips and plant exchanges.

Contacts: Cherry Thompson,
cherrylea@comcast.net;
Barbara Vorlop 464-2973

Meets 2nd Monday of each month,
11 am – 1pm

HIKING/WALKING

We usually walk 4 -5 miles and try to be home by early afternoon. During



Members of the Hiking Group get a view of Monterey Bay from Wilder Ranch trails.

the past year, our destinations varied from a walk around the Santa Cruz Small Craft Harbor to a more strenuous hike at Mt. Madonna County Park after which we rewarded ourselves with a pie stop at the Gizdich Ranch. Other destinations included Fall Creek State Park, Wilder Ranch State Park (2 routes) and a loop through Pogonip and the UCSC meadow. The farthest we traveled was to Monterey to walk along the coastline toward Pacific Grove. Afterward, we stayed for lunch at Lover's Point.

We invite more walkers to join us for the 2007-08 season when we plan to explore more of our local parks. If you have a favorite hike or if you've heard about a trail you'd like to explore with us, or if you would like to be added to the mailing list to receive notification of each hike, please contact us.

Contacts:

Laurie Salatich, lsalatich@charter.net,
Ellen Kimmel,

KIMMEL@tempest.coedu.usf.edu.

Meets 2nd Thursday of each month

KNIT NITE

Beginning and experienced knitters are welcome to explore the world of knitting.

Contact: Linda Rochin,
lrochin@baymoon.com 457-2344,
(cell) 227-4017

Meets 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm in members' homes

LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE

If you have never, or hardly ever, played bridge and would like to learn, or if you haven't played for a long time and feel you need a refresher and want to have some fun while doing so, consider joining the Learn to Play Bridge group. This year we will have a two-level group, so you may sign up for a beginners' group, or, if you know the basics of the game but are not sure about playing with

experienced players, join the more advanced learners' group. Meetings are at members' homes, starting with a snack, or perhaps we make it dinner. We have a bridge lesson, and then we play bridge.

Contact: Irma Andrews 688-3545,
irma_andrews@hotmail.com

Meets 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, 6 – 9 pm

LUNCH BUNCH

Members take turns choosing a local restaurant for the group to try.

Contact:

Bonita Sebastian, bonitas@ucsc.edu

Meets 4th Friday of each month at noon

MAH JONGG

Made popular in the 1920's, the Chinese game of Mah Jongg with its beautiful tiles is easy to learn. Experienced and beginning players are welcome.

Contact: Helen Palmer, 479-1926

Meets Tuesdays, 1 – 3 pm in Capitola

MOVIE GROUP

This group of avid movie goers functions in two formats: 1) We enjoy the intimacy of a small home theater once a month to watch current or classic movies. Matinees are at 4 pm; evening showings are at 7 pm. We will determine dates after our fall gathering in October. A discussion of the movie follows; other movies are suggested and plans are sometimes made to attend movies in town. 2) Each member has a group roster so that they can invite the group to meet at any time for a movie of particular interest throughout the year.

Contact: Bev Merkle,
bevmerkle@yahoo.com

SINGLES GOURMET

This interest group is for those single women who are interested in creating and sharing gourmet meals in a small group. We will determine the exact scenarios (cuisine, locations, dates, times, frequency, logistics, etc.) at our first meeting on October 19.

Contact:

Bonita Sebastian, bonitas@ucsc.edu

WEST SIDE POWER WALKERS

Looking for a new regular exercise program? No better way than having someone to walk with. This new group will meet at the top of Spring Street and walk the paths on campus and Pogonip for an hour twice a week.

Contact: Karin Grobe,
kgrobe@pacbell.net

Meets Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 7:30 – 8:30 am

IN MEMORIAM, WITH GRATITUDE AND THANKS

In honor and memory of long-time member and friend Eve Childs and under the Chairpersonship of Sue Reeves, Book Club One recently purchased an art book, titled *Painted Ladies*, and donated it to the main branch of the Santa Cruz Public Library

HELP WANTED

We need a new leader for Book Group 4. This is an opportunity to read fascinating books and meet with interesting people.

Contact

**Irma Andrews at 688-3545
or irma_andrews@hotmail.com.**

UCSC Women's Club Interest Group Calendar 2007



MAH JONGG CLUB 1-3:00
Helen Palmer



FIAT MUSICA 6:30-8:30
Bev Merklely

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Interest Group Hostesses' contact information can be found by visiting womensclub.ucsc.edu