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

President's Message

Welcome to the UCSC Women's Club for 2011-12!
Our 46th year promises to be interesting, informative, exciting, and entertaining.

We kick off our season with the Fall Gathering on Wednesday, October 5th. Come hear about plans for this year, including opportunities for joining one or more of our wide range of interest groups, and enjoy refreshments provided by the board.

Our 1st Vice President, May Clark, has been busy this summer putting together a list of engaging speakers from the campus and community for our upcoming meetings. Check the listings for these presenters in the next column.

In December, we'll join the other university friends groups for the annual Holiday Party, catered by the university's fine food service. Our Spring Luncheon in May will highlight our scholarship recipients for this coming year.

A major focus of our club is to award scholarships to UCSC re-entry students. This past spring we gave a record **\$20,000** to 23 deserving students. (Read about them on our website <http://womensclub.ucsc.edu> and elsewhere in this newsletter.) Our fundraising continues with the Chocolate Festival, the Shadowbrook dinner, the Human Race, the Phantom Tea, and Show & Sell. Please consider taking part in all of these events: you'll have a great time with your club colleagues while helping others.

Thanks to your contributions, the Rita Olsen Pister Endowment continues to grow! Many of you have already made a donation in her memory, and we thank you. Read about this remarkable woman inside this issue.

I look forward to seeing you at the Fall Gathering! Always feel free to contact me with any questions, suggestions, or concerns at 425.5995 or BonitaSebastian@comcast.net.

With warm regards,
Bonita Sebastian

UCSC Women's Club Meeting Highlights

Note: All meetings are in Horticulture Building II at the UCSC Arboretum from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, except for Show & Sell and the Spring Awards Luncheon, which begin at 11:00.

October 5

Fall Gathering
Socialize with other members
Learn about our diverse interest groups
Find out the plans for the upcoming year

November 2

Faye Crosby, Provost of Cowell College
Professor of Psychology
"Remedies for Sex Discrimination"

February 1

Greg Laughlin, Chair, Astronomy & Astrophysics Department
Professor Astronomy & Astrophysics
"The Galactic Planetary Census"

March 7 and April 4

Speakers TBA

May 2

Annual Spring Awards Luncheon, 11-1
Cocoanut Grove

Remembering Mrs. Pister

by Corinne Miller



When Karl and Rita Pister first came to campus to assume leadership in 1991, a friend of mine who worked in the chancellor's office assured me that I would really like them. She said they were wonderful people and true partners in every sense. My friend knew I had a sincere interest in knowing if our new "first lady" would continue the long tradition of opening her home, University House, to the UCSC Women's Club. Would she be supportive of our efforts to support the campus and its re-entry students?

Meeting Mrs. Pister for the first time, I was thrilled. She seemed delighted to have found a ready-made group of friends who were eager to include and welcome her, and she wanted to know all about us.

Monthly meetings from fall to spring were wonderful with her as our hostess. Rita graciously greeted us as we arrived at the University House front door and helped those of us bringing food to find a place for our platters on the dining room table. After the meetings, she would often engage those of us who lingered to help clean up in discussions about what we learned from the faculty lecture that day which enriched our experience.

The December meetings were especially memorable. A devout Catholic herself, Rita was very interested in others' faiths and she would ask people to share their holiday traditions. Over a sumptuous luncheon, we would learn about Deepavali and Chanukah, the Indian and Jewish Festivals of Light, and then she would charm us with her own memories of Christmas and how she taught her children about the meaning of their faith. After lunch and stories, we would gather around the piano and sing Christmas carols and other songs of the winter season from different cultures.

The club dreamed about establishing an endowment and was putting aside \$1,000 a year from our fundraising efforts, aiming for \$10,000 in ten years. When Rita learned about this, I remember her exact words to me: "We have to reach that goal much sooner so it can start making money for our scholarships." Shortly thereafter, she told me she was going to host an art auction of faculty, staff, student and alumni-donated work and wanted me to co-chair the committee with her. She had already enlisted Art Board Chair Joyce Brodsky and many other wonderful club members. Larry Wolfson volunteered to be the auctioneer. The committee worked for weeks organizing both a live and silent "Gala Art Auction" that debuted one evening at University House. In the end, we raised more than \$3,500 that first year, which almost doubled our fund. The second year auction was even more successful and enabled us to reach our goal. *(Continued on next page.)*

When Chancellor and Mrs. Pister retired, the board decided to name the endowment after Rita in honor of her dedication to the club and the campus, but most of all because of her commitment to supporting the dreams of re-entry students striving to achieve their educational goals. I was president of the club at this time and it was my privilege to give an address at our Spring Luncheon where we surprised her with the endowment-naming. I spoke about how, in addition to being Karl's wife and Chancellor's Associate, Rita was an artist, scholar, philosopher, philanthropist, wife, mother, grandma and friend. (I still have my notes.)

It was a joyful, and tearful, day for many of us as we expressed the love and appreciation we felt for her. Underlying the celebration, many of us also felt a keen sense of impending loss. A golden era for our club and the campus was coming to an end, and we were saying goodbye to a dear friend who would be deeply missed on our campus.

In 2008, Hazel Powell interviewed Rita for our newsletter. You can read the article on our web site: http://womensclub.ucsc.edu/newsletters/womens_club_newsW-08.pdf, page 4.

The Pister family asks that any contributions in Rita's memory be directed to the Rita Olsen Pister Endowed Scholarship for Re-Entry Students. Kindly make checks out to the UC Santa Cruz Foundation and send to the Rita Olsen Pister Endowed Scholarship, 1156 High Street, Santa Cruz, CA, 95060.

Of Note.....

Human Race

In May, a few hearty members represented the Women's Club in the annual Human Race, organized by the Santa Cruz Volunteer Center as a fundraiser for a broad array of local nonprofit groups. This event is put on nationally, but how many sites can boast the ocean vistas our walkers revel in in Santa Cruz?

Participants ranged from tots in strollers to Stroke Center "students" in wheelchairs, rescued dogs available for adoption to advocates for the Monterey Bay marine community dressed as anemones and jelly fish. The six-mile stroll along West Cliff Drive began and ended at 2300 Delaware, where lunch and entertainment were provided for those who dedicated their feet to their favorite causes. Our fundraising totaled \$402.23.

The next Human Race is May 12, 2012. Mark your calendars, break in those new shoes early, and come join the fun!



Pencil in the date! Sunday, January 22, 2012, is the date for the 5th annual **CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL!** This year will showcase a few changes that will further enhance this tasty—and very successful—fund-raiser. At October's Fall Gathering, Chair Ann Berry-Kline will ask for volunteers for various leadership positions and explain how the sponsorship letters work. Want to find out more? Please call Ann at 831-332-4042 or email her at aebk@mac.com or annkline@baileyproperties.com

Interest Groups

Interest groups continue to play a central role in the UCSC Women's Club. The Garden Club and Lunch Bunch are popular, inclusive and large whereas book clubs limit their sizes to encourage individual participation and to fit comfortably into the leaders' homes. Other groups – Adventure and Hiking – meet outside and have wide-open spaces for everyone. Some groups make beautiful things (Sew'N'Sews), some consume beautiful things (Bon Appetit Gourmet), and some vocalize beautiful things (Fiat Musica Choral Group). At the core of every group is the great enjoyment of socializing with fellow members and sharing mutual interests. Learning something new is O.K. too.

Two new groups from last year are off to a good start: Book Club 5 and the Yarn Gang. Both will welcome new members at the October 5 general meeting. In addition to those already mentioned, several old standbys always welcome new participants: Learn to Play Bridge, Play Reading, West Side Walkers, and English in Action.

Please note some changes in our offerings. Drama Queens is no longer with us, and Easy Riders is in limbo. Do you want to rescue either of them? Those who like to "get out of Dodge" on occasion will cheer the new Travel group, which is intended to function as a forum for sharing information for planning foreign and domestic travel. The group will also serve as a way for travelers with similar interests to find traveling companions to share expenses, take advantage of group discounts and avoid "single supplements." The meeting date, place and leader are TBA.

New member or old, join us at the October meeting. Sign up for a current interest group or suggest a new one. Then, get comfortable with a plate of goodies, sit and chat with friends old and new, and enjoy yourself as we embark on another year with the UCSCWC!

Scholarships

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. Garden tours, phantom tea parties, art and silent auctions, chocolate festivals, membership dues and individual donations are some of the ways funds have been raised over the years. Through these efforts, the Women's Club has been able to assist older students for whom studies in their chosen field may be an otherwise unattainable dream. Over the past thirty years, the Club has awarded 316 scholarships for a total of \$198,242 for research activities, tuition, and childcare.

Scholarship monies given to students come from two sources: money raised directly to be awarded for scholarships and money that is interest income from our endowment. While we continue to raise money for both direct scholarships and to invest into the endowment, our current effort is to increase the endowment to ensure our scholarship program for future generations.

The endowment was named for Rita Olsen Pister, longtime Women's Club member and wife of Chancellor Emeritus Karl S. Pister whose tenure ran from 1991 to 1996. Rita took her role as Associate to the Chancellor seriously as she forged effective town-gown relations. Along with Ann Levin and the vice-chancellor's wife Eileen Tanner, Rita's monthly "Discover UCSC" program invited women from the community for tea, a campus tour, and a lecture from a faculty member. She was instrumental in organizing an art auction fundraiser in her role with the UCSC Women's Club.

Rita graduated from Holy Names College, completed a teaching credential at UC Berkeley, and taught for a time. She began married life with Karl in 1950. While their six children were young, Rita's primary responsibilities were caring for her family and supporting her husband in his career. When her youngest child was a teenager, Rita became the principal of their Catholic parish high school. Rita's graciousness, generosity and commitment to education are reflected in the UC Santa Cruz Women's Club naming its scholarship endowment the Rita Olsen Pister Endowed Scholarship for Re-entry Students.

Rita touched many lives. Two of her dear friends are remembered through named scholarships that come from the Rita Olsen Pister Endowment. Robert Leet-Corday, a Santa Cruz businessman with an interest in art, honored Rita with a significant donation to the endowment upon his death. Frances Spodick Drake was a career woman, an author in the field of human resources and industrial psychology, a strong supporter of women and education, and a devoted member of the club. Rita passed away in 2011, but her spirit continues in the lives of those she inspired and the students who benefit from her generosity.

Proudly Presenting...Our 2011 Scholars!

Jesse Avila Jesse is an undergraduate with a double major in linguistics and psychology and a minor in education, planning ultimately to get a multiple-subject teaching credential. The married father of two small girls maintains an excellent academic record.

Katya Birken A psychology major, Katya has overcome a number of obstacles in her life, including a very difficult childhood. Her ultimate goal is to work with abused and at-risk children. She's currently involved with a student organization for former foster youth, runaways, orphans and those with similarly challenged backgrounds. Her scholarship will pay for summer fees at UCSC.

Eric Carter Eric is working toward a master's degree in education. His lifelong ambition has been to become a teacher. He wants to make a difference in the lives of his students and work to address patterns of injustice like those he has experienced. Eric's award will go toward his summer fees and expenses.

Judith Dorsey A single mom, Judie is studying psychology with the long-term goal of becoming a professor of psychology. Her scholarship award will help to pay for summer school, during which Judie will be in an academic internship program at an inpatient lock-down facility for patients with serious mental illness. This will integrate her coursework with community involvement. She receives our 4th annual Frances Spodick Drake Memorial Scholarship.

Fang Yu Hu A graduate student pursuing her PhD in modern East Asian history, Fang will use her award to fund her research this summer and fall and for an oral history workshop in August. Her research involves how and why Japanese colonial authorities focused on the schooling of children, and young girls in particular, to be the key to their success during the Japanese colonial period of 1895-1945. Through her studies, Fang will satisfy her intellectual curiosity and explore her identity as a Taiwanese-American woman.

Brent Hughes Brent is working toward a PhD in ecology and evolutionary biology, with a concentration in marine ecology. His scholarship will help lay the groundwork for his dissertation project, which will investigate the effects of pollution on ecosystems along the California coast. Brent is also a husband and father of a two-year old.

Farhad Ighani Suffering religious persecution, Farhad emigrated from Iran to the US where he felt he could make his dreams come true. He began to learn English and took a job at an optical shop in which his engineering skills began to shine. He decided to pursue a degree in bioengineering, and has worked in Jacob Rosen's lab developing a robotic arm for surgeries. His award will pay for his summer coursework and study.

Shirley Lavareda Shirley is majoring in Latin American and Latino Studies with a minor in education. She came from Brazil as an adult, learned English, and began her university education. Her academic interest involves the study of race and class relations among Latin Americans. Shirley's scholarship will fund her summer studies.

Aldinette Lockett Aldinette is an undergraduate sociology major who wants to become a college professor. A single woman raising two grandsons, she is returning to school to redefine her career path and is undaunted in her pursuit. Her scholarship will pay for summer fees at UCSC.

Angelica Lopez Angelica's experiences have led her to feel the need to incorporate more of the realities of people of color in academia. Angelica will use her scholarship to fund data collection for her PhD dissertation in developmental psychology focusing on the extent of helpfulness and collaboration among children of Mexican heritage.

Blaney McDonough Becoming pregnant with her son was a defining moment for Blaney, one that motivated her to finish college. She is pursuing a bachelor's degree in psychology and plans to continue to graduate school, preparing for a career in social or research psychology. Blaney's dedication, perseverance, and commitment fuel her belief that she can accomplish her goals.

Thong Nguyen Thong and his family were refugees to the U.S. after the Vietnam War, and he struggled to learn English as well as overcome a variety of challenges in this country. He is majoring in business management economics and accounting and will use the award to pay for air travel for a study-abroad program in China during the fall quarter. As a first generation college student, Thong views education as a vital tool for success in life and wants to be a role model for his three young nephews and younger cousin. Thong receives our first annual Robert Leet-Corday Memorial Scholarship.

Ann-Marie Osterback A PhD student in ecology and evolutionary biology, Ann-Marie earned her undergraduate degree in 2002 and began pursuing various career paths in ecology to gain perspective on the discipline. She settled on the field of aquatic ecology but realized that she needed an advanced degree to achieve the career growth she was seeking, which led her to UCSC. She does research on the impact of predators on threatened salmon populations. Ann-Marie's scholarship will fund the cost of analyzing her samples.

Lina Qaddoura With intentions to attend law school, Lina is currently pursuing legal studies. She is first in her family to attend college, coming from an Arab culture in which it is not typical for a woman to pursue higher education. She came to the U.S. with her family when she was small, and the *pro bono* assistance of an immigration lawyer allowed her family permanent residence. The lawyer's graciousness also motivated Lina to pay it forward. Her scholarship will cover summer session fees and books.



Angela Quiros Angela is a graduate 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 sea grass beds around the islands, which are home to 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 toward an academic track.

Joseph Sapp A graduate student in ecology and environmental biology, Joe's PhD focus is on social parasitism, investigating the behavioral ecology of slave-maker ants. Joe's goal at UCSC is to become better equipped to teach and study biology. His scholarship will be used toward analysis and shipping costs of sample preparation for his research.

Gretel Sinkola An undergraduate sociology major, Gretel is the first in her family to attend college. She is passionate about promoting social justice and is considering becoming a social worker. Gretel's scholarship will go toward her 2011-2012 academic year fees and expenses.

Diana Snyder After a challenging childhood, Diana is now an undergraduate student in astrophysics, one step closer to her dream of being an astronomer. As part of Sandy Faber's research team, she has been involved with analyzing Hubble Space Telescope images. Her award will help fund a trip to carry out observations at the Keck Telescopes atop Mauna Kea, and also to present her results at an upcoming meeting of the American Astronomical Society.

Eric Stanley Eric is a graduate student in the History of Consciousness Department. His research is on the intersection of trans/queer studies and prison studies. Eric's scholarship will allow him to do archival research at a library of specialized transgender documents in New York City. Upon completing his Ph.D., Eric hopes to join the staff of a community college with the goal of guiding others toward a university education.

Yuliana Vasquez Yuliana is a first-generation college student majoring in sociology. As a single parent, she works to support her son and her parents while still maintaining a 3.2 GPA. Her goal is to earn a master's degree in counseling so she can work with Latino youth who have experienced the same hardships and trials she did growing up. Her scholarship will fund summer session fees and books.

Louise Wells With a double major in neuroscience and biomolecular engineering, Louise is retraining for a new career path. Her goal is to contribute to society through work in the biotechnology field involving neuroscience and stem cells. Her scholarship will be used toward 2011-2012 academic year fees and expenses.

Tiffany Williams Tiffany experienced a difficult childhood as a foster youth and overcame an abusive relationship as an adult. Despite these challenges, she excelled in community college and transferred to UCSC. A married student with children, she plans to attend law school after completing her bachelor's degree in politics and hopes to work as a prosecutor in abuse cases. She will use her scholarship to pay for summer fees, books and childcare.

Lunch Bunch

Twenty-one Lunch Bunch members enjoyed a meal at Betty's Eat Inn on Pacific Avenue in mid-May. In addition to scrumptious burgers, this Betty's location boasts an expanded menu that includes a variety of salads, sandwiches, entrees and specials. The group enjoyed lively conversation in a semi-private room that featured retro decor and an Airstream camper. The Easy Riders rode in with five members and joined the fun, as they often incorporate the Lunch Bunch into their scheduled bike rides.



The Lunch Bunch meets on the third Friday of each month. Members take turn selecting the restaurant and serving as "host," collecting the RSVPs and making arrangements with the restaurant. This is a great way to socialize with your Women's Club friends and try new restaurants. Be sure to sign up for this interest group at the Fall Gathering or contact Irma Andrews at irma_andrews@hotmail.com .

Thanks to our contributing writers and photographers: Irma Andrews, Rusty Bowman, May Clark, Ann Berry Kline, Sally Lester, Lorraine Margon, Corinne Miller, Hazel Powell, Laurie Salatich and Bonita Sebastian.

Marty Dunn, Editor

[Annual membership dues will be happily accepted at the Fall Gathering.](#)

Campus News--With thanks to UCSC publications

As the slug rises: Once subversive, UCSC's beloved mascot turns 25

For the banana slug's earliest fans, rallying behind the mollusk was a mischievous gesture, a thumb in the eye of the status quo. These days, 25 years after it became the campus's official mascot, the slug could not be more accepted and beloved.



Founders' Day

Events

October 11, 2011

Sidhartha Maitra Memorial Lecture

Lecture by **Abraham Verghese**

The Art of Medicine in the Era of Homo Technologicus

The ascendance of technology in medical culture often leaves patients with a sense that their personhood is of less interest than their disease. In this lecture, Dr. Verghese advocates for a new humanism in medicine. He is the author of the *NY Times* bestseller, *Cutting for Stone*.

UCSC Music Recital Hall at 7:00 p.m.

October 15, 2011

Evolutionary | Revolutionary

"*LIFE: A Journey Through Time*," an original multimedia orchestral performance that chronicles the history of life on Earth through the imagery of Frans Lanting and the music of Philip Glass, with Symphony Silicon Valley Carolyn Kuan, conductor.

A remarkable evening of art, science and life. Flint Center, Cupertino at 7:00 p.m.

For tickets: events.ucsc.edu/evrev

October 21, 2011

Foundation Forum

At the Dawn of Personalized Medicine

Transforming the Diagnosis and Treatment of Cancer.

Featuring: J. Michael Bishop, Art Levinson, and David Haussler

UCSC Music Recital Hall at 3:00 p.m.

UCSC Women's Club Interest Group Calendar 2011

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 Mary Ann Hobbs or Lori Green.

The **Bon Appetit** group meets four times a year at dates that accommodate members of the group. Contact Evelyn Prichard or Amanda Van Loan.

Playreading meets at 11:30.

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

OCTOBER

<i>DATE</i>	<i>INTEREST GROUP</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>CONTACT</i>
3	ENGLISH IN ACTION	1:00	Karin Grobe
3	LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE	6:00-9:00	Irma Andrews
4,11,18,25	WEST SIDE WALKERS	8:00-9:30AM	Karin Grobe
4,11,18,25	MAH JONG	1:00	Helen Palmer
4,11,18,25	SEW 'N' SEWS	6:00-9:00	Jo Barbier
6,13,20,27	FIAT MUSICA	7:00	Barbara Goza
10	GARDEN CLUB	11:00-1:00	Cherry Thompson, Barbara Vorlop
11	BRIDGE CLUB	12:30	Virginia Law
12	BOOK CLUB 3	NOON	
12	BOOK CLUB 4	7:30-9:00	
13	HIKING GROUP	9:30-3:00	Laurie Salatich, Ellen Kimmel
14	YARN GANG	2:00	Joan Zimmerman
17	BOOK CLUB 5	1.00-2.30	Mary Jane Chambers
19	PLAYREADING	11:30	Mary Jane Chambers
20	BOOK CLUB 2	1:00	
21	LUNCH BUNCH	NOON-1:00	Irma Andrews
24	LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE	6:30-9:00	Irma Andrews

NOVEMBER

1,8,15,22,29	WEST SIDE WALKERS	8-9.30AM	Karin Grobe
1,8,15,22,29	MAH JONG	1:00	Helen Palmer
1,8,15,22,29	SEW 'N' SEWS	6:00-9:00	Jo Barbier
3,10,17	FIAT MUSICA	7:00	Barbara Goza
7	ENGLISH IN ACTION	1:00	Karin Grobe
7	LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE	6:00-9:00	Irma Andrews
8	BRIDGE CLUB	12:30	Virginia Law
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14	GARDEN CLUB	11:00-1:00	Cherry Thompson, Barbara Vorlop
16	PLAYREADING	11:30	Mary Jane Chambers
17	BOOK CLUB 2	1:00	
18	LUNCH BUNCH	NOON - 1:00	Irma Andrews
21	BOOK CLUB 5	1:00-2:30	Mary Jane Chambers
28	LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE	6:30-9:00	Irma Andrews

DECEMBER

1,8,15	FIAT MUSICA	7:00	Barbara Goza
5	ENGLISH IN ACTION	1:00	Karin Grobe
5	LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE	6:00-9:00	Irma Andrews
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DECEMBER *(continued)*

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15	BOOK CLUB 2	1:00	
16	LUNCH BUNCH	NOON-1:00	Irma Andrews
19	BOOK CLUB 5	1:00-2:30	Mary Jane Chambers
21	PLAYREADING	11:30	Mary Jane Chambers

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.
