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

Message from the President

I hope that you are enjoying the UCSC Women's Club and have joined in many of the interesting and rewarding activities we offer.



I spoke recently with my 98-year old mother about the importance of being engaged in activities, socializing, and staying active. One of her favorite mottos is: "Keep moving." At 98, she still attends three different senior clubs each week. She is definitely my role model in this and many other aspects of life.

The UCSC Women's Club has enriched my life in so many ways... the friends I have made, the satisfaction that comes from working as part of a team on our various fundraising and other projects, the gratitude from our scholarship recipients, working with a great board, and even enjoying the culinary delights provided by the membership.

If you have not yet taken the first steps to become more involved, I hope you will consider doing so soon. It is such a rewarding experience in so many ways. Please talk to any of the board members about opportunities and interest groups.

I also want to thank all of our members who have stepped up this year to help in so many ways. We would not have had such a successful year without you and your participation and dedication.

Lastly, please take a moment to renew your membership and also to sign up for the May 2nd Spring Luncheon. Renewing your membership now ensures that you will not miss any upcoming news or announcements. The Spring Luncheon is the culmination of all the work we have done to raise funds for scholarships; it is so gratifying to meet the hard-working recipients and to hear their stories- not to mention having a delectable lunch in a beautiful setting!

With best wishes for a fine spring and summer,

Bonita Sebastian

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*

Please visit us on the web at: <http://womensclub.ucsc.edu/>

Planned Giving—an Opportunity!

In 2011, the UCSC Women's Club Rita Olsen Pister Endowment received a generous bequest (nearly \$90,000) and was also named as a 50% contingent beneficiary of member Laurel Jarnagan's traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA). Laurel stated, "When I found out a way to contribute without seeking the help of an attorney, I wanted to participate. I was a single mom and had returned to school as a re-entry student myself, so when I joined the Women's Club and found out that they supported re-entry students, it seemed like a perfect way to direct my gift."

Planned giving is a great way to make a charitable contribution and improve your current income flow. By integrating a planned gift to UC Santa Cruz into your overall financial, tax, and estate planning, you can realize significant financial gains in the form of a charitable tax deduction AND an income stream for life. In addition, a planned gift made with appreciated property can save you capital gains taxes.

Structuring a planned gift deserves time and careful thought. As you explore the options for planning a gift, you may want to review the new *Guide to Planned Giving* brochure. It contains a chart of legacy planning options and bequest language. You may also want to view the new version of the planned giving website at www.giving.ucsc.edu/plannedgifts. This site has an Online Wills Planner that will enable you to gather information needed to create your estate plans. To request a brochure or for more information, please contact club member and UCSC Director of Gift Planning Virginia Rivera at (831) 459-5227 or via email at yvrivera@ucsc.edu.

Annual Spring Luncheon



Plan to attend the UCSC Women's Club annual luncheon at the *Cocoanut Grove*, 400 Beach Street, on Wednesday, May 2, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There we will honor our re-entry student scholarship recipients. The students will tell us about themselves, their studies, and how they plan to use their awards. This gathering is always a poignant reminder of why we work as fund-raisers.

Cost of the luncheon (\$26) includes a regular Cobb or vegetarian Cobb salad, beverage, rolls, dessert, tax, gratuity, and a parking pass for the Boardwalk parking lot across from the *Cocoanut Grove*.

An invitation with more details is included in this newsletter. RSVP by **April 20** to Hazel Powell with payment and registration form. You also may register and get your parking pass at the April 4 meeting at the Arboretum. **Do** join us in this extra- special event!

Festive and Filling!

After five years, the UCSC Women's Club Chocolate Festival has earned a big "special day" circle on many calendars around our town. This year proved especially worthy of such designation. Nearly a thousand folks, including more families than ever before, enjoyed chocolate in oh-so-many forms, hummed to live music, browsed and bid on a terrific silent auction, and just generally soaked up the good feel of this unique event. The addition of cupcake-decorating for the young at heart was a delicious hit.



The vice mayor proclaimed Jan 23, 2012 Chocoholic Day in the city of Santa Cruz, and Chairperson Ann Berry-Kline won Chocoholic of the Year. (The judges averred that this was a no hanky-panky choice.) There were 28 vendors, up from 2011 and including eight new tables, spread around 1/3 more space than before, so there was plenty of room to savor the delectables.



Looking ahead, circle this date on your calendar, **January 20, 2013**, for the Sixth Annual Chocolate Festival! It's never too early to anticipate this doubly-rewarding event: great goodies for a great cause!

More food—but this time for thought: Carpooling to meetings is a great idea. Parking at the Arb is unpaved and on the lean side, so buddy-up and ease the crunch. You just might earn "green" points for your efforts, too! On the subject of "going green," consider bringing your own coffee mug/beverage container to meetings.

Spotlight on Our Book Clubs

*Editor's Note: In this **Datelines**, we are highlighting our book clubs, which comprise some of the many interest groups available through membership in the Women's Club. Currently there are four established groups of page-turners and an idea on the drawing board for another. (See page 8.) Read on!*

The Happy Bookers

We have 14 congenial readers and there are no openings at this time. We meet the second Wednesday of each month from 7:30 to 9:00 pm at the home of Evelyn Falk. Light refreshments help to fuel our discussions, which are led by that month's volunteer.

Two months before the presentation, the leader suggests three books and gives a short summary of each, and we vote to choose one of them. Though the choices are not restricted, we most often read fiction. Biographies and essays (by Malcolm Gladwell, for example) figure in the mix as well.

Popular books from last year included *West with the Night* by Beryl Markham, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot, and *Crow Lake* by Mary Larson.



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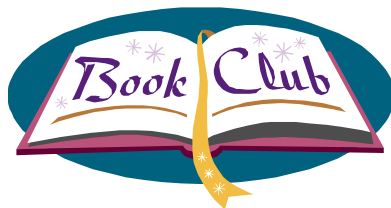
Book Club Five is the new kid on the block. It meets the first Monday of the month from 1-2:30pm at members' homes. At present we have eight members and welcome more. The books which we read last year include: *Legend of Fire Horse Woman*, *Free Frame*, *Touchstone*, *Maisie Dobbs*, *Little Bee*, *Year of Fog*, *The Help*, *Water for Elephants*, *The Piano Teacher*, *Cutting for Stone*, *Biography of Benjamin Franklin*, *Stone Diaries*, and *Woman of the Fifth*. In March we are reading *Bookseller of Kabul* and *The Greater Journey* will be our April selection. Contact Mary Jane Chambers at mjchmbrs@sbcglobal.net

One member for each month of the year is how the longtime **Book Club Two** is organized. Each reader gets to choose one book annually; she is generally the hostess for that session as well, providing dessert and drinks for guests. They meet the third Thursday at 1 PM.

Selections are a mixed bag of “truth” and fiction. “Circle” begins the meetings, allowing each member to talk about her latest literary finds.

Some of Two’s more memorable events, complementing the printed word, have been a field trip to the Steinbeck Museum, hosting local actors for readings, and gathering for “traditional” Christmas lunches of the potluck variety.

Subscribing to *The New York Times Book Review* has been a great resource for ideas. Favorite authors include Wallace Stegner, Alice Munro and Abraham Verghese—“everything by them!” enthuses Alberta Nidever, secretary. She adds, “We don’t do heavy literary analyses.” These ladies have been booking it together for 25 years, which helps to explain why there are no current openings.



The twelve **Brown Bag Bibliophiles** rendezvous the second Wednesday from noon till 1:30. As the alliterative name implies, each member brings her lunch and the month’s hostess offers supplemental nourishment as she deems tasty. Cynthia Noble Vesecky coordinates the schedule, and each member presents three books, usually fiction, for consideration at a meeting. A vote decides which of the three to choose and that book is presented for group discussion by its nominator two months later. Reader opinions are generally diverse enough to make exchanges lively and informative.

Socialization and continuing education combine for various movie/dinner outings, as well as a field trip to Steinbeck Museum. In addition, the group fund-raises for the Chocolate Festival. The December meetings always showcase a holiday theme and are especially delicious as brown bags are forsaken for something a bit more involved.

Though he cannot yet peruse a chapter, young Sarah Schuster’s infant Robert is a welcome honorary member of the BBBs!



Walk Don’t Run...

...or vice versa! **The Human Race**, the annual walkathon sponsored by the Santa Cruz County Volunteer Center, is the largest collaborative community fundraiser in our county. The Women's Club receives 75% of all funds donated in our name. (The other 25% goes to the Volunteer Center.) The benefits of participating include the opportunity to put our club out in the community at large and to interact with other non-profit groups.

This year's event is on Saturday, May 12, 2012. Registration and free breakfast begin at 7:30, walkers start around 8:15. The six-mile route begins at the corner of Natural Bridges Drive and Delaware Street and meanders along beautiful West Cliff Drive--there are no finer views anywhere. This is NOT a serious, competitive race—it's all about fun! In fact, a shuttle is available for anyone needing a ride back to the start. Non-racers are encouraged to sponsor club members who are going the distance.

Look for more information at the April 4 Women's Club meeting and the May 2 scholarship luncheon, or contact Laurie Salatich: lsalatich@charter.net

Maybe practicing for The Human Race? The Hiking Club at Waddell Creek after our Feb. 9, 2012, hike in the Rancho del Oso section of Big Basin. Left to right: Sally Gaynor, Laurie Salatich, Louise West, Cynthia Noble-Vesecky, Lori Greene, Brenda Cornell, Janet Rymsha, and Rusty Bowman.



Inter-Campus Gathering

Several club members journeyed to the UC Merced campus in late March for the annual meeting of our “sister” groups. Each UC-affiliated club provides scholarships to students, offers programs and activities for members, and each has a unique name. In Davis, it is the University Farm Circle, Berkeley has the Section Club, and in San Francisco you can be a member of the Faculty Associates. The newest club is Merced’s University Friends Circle who hosted us at their beautiful, sparkling new school.

The all-day program was fascinating. It began with a welcome from the chancellor then moved on to a community leader who told the story of how the town worked through the complicated steps to win the prize of the location for the newest UC. Later, chancellor explained how the campus developed; that talk was followed by the vice chancellor for student affairs who chatted enthusiastically about the students. They are so proud of their student body, the most diverse of all the UC campuses. These daring students plotted a course that brought First Lady Michelle Obama to town as their first-ever commencement keynoter, thus attracting worldwide attention to their school. While finishing our lunch, we heard about a faculty member’s work and learned from another about the Sierra Nevada Research Institute and the exciting plans they have for graduate-level studies. The day ended with tours of the Central Plant, which received LEED gold standard certification for environmental achievement, of the Vivarium, a facility used in stem cell research, and a walking tour around campus to see how the students live, work, and study.

This was an invigorating day offering an opportunity to meet people from other campuses with whom we have so much in common-- even though we all have different names! — and to share in the joy of exploring the newest member of the University of California’s renowned educational system.

Art/Travel/Garden Book Group: A Proposal

There are all kinds of book groups—mysteries, Oprah’s recommendations, non-fiction, etc. How about a group focused on books for those who love to read about art, artists and gardens, and those set in foreign places? Each month we would discuss an offering voted upon by members, planning three months in advance. We could also share information about similar reads, current art exhibits or gardens of interest.

Some books that come to mind are: Susan Vreeland’s *The Luncheon of the Boating Party* and *The Girl in Hyacinth Blue*, Robert Harris’ *Pompeii*, Nina Schuyler’s *The Painting*, Robert Hellenga’s *The Sixteen Pleasures*, Frances Mayes’ *A Year in the World*, Ann Patchen’s *Bel Canto*, Sarah Dunant’s *The Birth of Venus* and Louis de Berniers’ *Corelli’s Mandolin*. If you have enjoyed any of these books, you already know the reading genres that we would choose!

We would meet once a month for an hour or so. I envision keeping it easy without distractions (sans food/beverages), perhaps enjoying the option of eating lunch out afterwards, as those who are passionate about art, gardens and travel tend to love eating good food. Please get in touch with me if this idea strikes a chord with you. Together we can mold a club that really fits our pursuits!

--Trician Cummings triciansc@mindspring.com

UCSC Women’s Club Interest Group Calendar 2012

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. Most Interest Groups continue to meet throughout the summer.

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 on the 3rd Wednesday at varying times, but always in the daytime. **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.

APRIL CALENDAR

DATE	INTEREST GROUP	TIME	CONTACT
2	LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE	6:00-9:00	Irma Andrews
3,10,17,24	WEST SIDE WALKERS	8:00-9:30AM	Karin Grobe
3	ENGLISH IN ACTION	1:00	Karin Grobe
3,10,17,24	MAH JONG	1:00	Helen Palmer
3,10,17,24	SEW 'N' SEWS	6:00-9:00	Jo Barbier

5,12,19,26	FIAT MUSICA	7:00	Lu Haussler
9	GARDEN CLUB	11:00-1:00	Cherry Thompson, Barbara Vorlop
10	BRIDGE CLUB	12:30	Virginia Law
11	BOOK CLUB 3	NOON	
11	BOOK CLUB 4	7:30-9:00	
12	HIKING GROUP	9:30-3:00	Laurie Salatich, Ellen Kimmel
16	BOOK CLUB 5	1.00-2.30	Mary Jane Chambers
18	PLAYREADING	Times vary	Mary Jane Chambers
19	BOOK CLUB 2	1:00	
20	LUNCH BUNCH	NOON-1:00	Irma Andrews
23	LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE	6:30-9:00	Irma Andrews
30	TRAVEL GROUP	10:00-11.30	Rusty Bowman

MAY CALENDAR

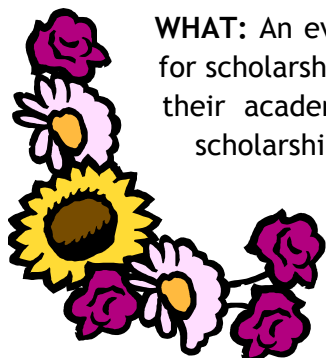
1,8,15,22,29	WEST SIDE WALKERS	8-9.30AM	Karin Grobe
1	ENGLISH IN ACTION	1:00	Karin Grobe
1,8,15,22,29	MAH JONG	1:00	Helen Palmer
1,8,15,22,29	SEW 'N' SEWS	6:00-9:00	Jo Barbier
3,10,17,24,31	FIAT MUSICA	7:00	Lu Haussler
7	LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE	6:00-9:00	Irma Andrews
8	BRIDGE CLUB	12:30	Virginia Law
9	BOOK CLUB 3	NOON	
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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	TRAVEL GROUP	10:00-11.30	Rusty Bowman
28	LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE	6:30-9:00	Irma Andrews

JUNE CALENDAR

4	LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE	6:00-9:00	Irma Andrews
5,12,19,26	WEST SIDE WALKERS	8-9:30AM	Karin Grobe
5	ENGLISH IN ACTION	1:00	Karin Grobe
5,12,19,26	MAH JONG	1:00	Helen Palmer
5,12,19,26	SEW 'N' SEWS	6:00-9:00	Jo Barbier
7,14,21,28	FIAT MUSICA	7:00	Lu Haussler
11	GARDEN CLUB	11:00-1:00	Cherry Thompson, Barbara Vorlop
12	BRIDGE CLUB	12:30	Virginia Law
13	BOOK CLUB 3	NOON	
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Marty Dunn, Editor



WHAT: An event to celebrate and honor the re-entry students who have been selected for scholarships from the UCSC Women’s Club. Several of the recipients will speak about their academic and personal lives and explain what they will be doing with the scholarships they receive. Our choral group, Fiat Musica, will be performing as well.

Invite a friend to share in this most heartwarming and inspirational meeting.

WHEN: Wednesday, May 2, 2012, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WHERE: The Sun Room at the Coconut Grove, 400 Beach Street. Enter through Entrance B and take the stairs or elevator up to the second floor. Turn left, and the entrance to the Sun Room is to your left.

PRICE: \$26 for which you will receive a Cobb salad (California greens decorated with smoked turkey, Roma tomatoes, cucumber, artichoke hearts, pine nuts, crumbled bleu cheese, hard-boiled egg & bacon bits with choice of 2 dressings) or vegetarian salad (all of the above without the meat but with the addition of avocado), non-alcoholic beverage, rolls, and dessert. This fee includes tax, gratuity, and a parking pass for the Boardwalk lot across the street.

RSVP: Please make your reservation(s) by **April 20**. Complete and tear off the form below. Send it with a check made out to UC Regents for \$26 per person to **Hazel Powell, 132 Woodcrest Place, Santa Cruz, CA 95065**.

PARKING: Once payment is received, you may pick up your pass at the Women's Club meeting on April 4, or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Hazel, along with your luncheon registration, and she will mail it to you promptly.

Thank you! See you at the Grove on 2 May!

I (we) plan to attend the Spring Luncheon on May 2. My name (and my guest's) is below, along with my (our) choice of salad:

Name: _____ Regular Cobb Vegetarian Cobb

Guest: _____ Regular Cobb Vegetarian Cobb

If you can contribute toward lunch for a scholarship recipient, please indicate the additional amount you are enclosing: \$ _____. We *really* appreciate this help!