

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.

President's Message

Happy Holidays! As we pass from old to new year, I wish the very best for each and every one of you.

The new year gives me the chance to thank you for your membership in our club and your participation in interest groups. Particularly, thanks to our board members who give so much of themselves to make the general programs, interest groups, and fund raisers successful.

I hope the new year infuses you with the motivation and enthusiasm to try new things, and what better place to do that than the Women's Club! Go on an outing with the adventure group, attend a quilting gathering, or play cards with the Euchre group. Or you might consider volunteering to assist at the 2nd annual Chocolate Festival, or think about taking a role on the board next year.


Of course the new year brings us greater opportunities to raise funds for scholarships for re-entry students. My work with re-entry students has shown me how greatly appreciative they are of our club's generosity and support.

I look forward to the year ahead and the future of the club!

Sincerely,
Sally Lester
President

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The 2nd Annual
SANTA CRUZ
Chocolate Festival

A CELEBRATION OF ALL THINGS CHOCOLATE

Tastings, Silent Auction, Live Jazz
Sunday, February 8, 2009
2-5 pm at the Cocoanut Grove
at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk

Organized by the UCSC Women's Club
to Raise Funds for Re-entry Student Scholarships
www.santacruzchocolatefestival.org



2009

UCSC Women's Club Board Roster

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Sunshine - Estelle Levine
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Amanda Van Loan

Chancellor's Representative

Kathleen Hughes

Chancellor's Associate

Kelly Weisberg



The Gift that Keeps on Giving

Thank you for your donations to our Rita Olsen Pister Endowed Scholarship Fund. From July through October, we received donations totaling \$3,600 for this fund, which now has a value of almost \$125,000! As this account grows, we can provide more scholarships for re-entry students at UCSC. Please continue to give to both our endowment and to our current-use scholarship account. By combining the annual proceeds of our endowment with the scholarship funds raised each year, we are able to make such a difference in the lives of students every spring!

2nd Annual Santa Cruz Chocolate Festival to Raise Scholarship Funds

Our second annual Santa Cruz Chocolate Festival will be held on Sunday, February 8, 2009, from 2-5 p.m. at the Coconut Grove Ballroom at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk. Many local area chocolate vendors will be on hand so you can sample their wonderful confections. We'll have a treasure trove of items to bid on in our silent auction, and there will also be live jazz. Plan to attend, bring your friends, and join the fun. Last year we raised over \$8,000! Tasting tickets will be sold in January at local book stores, and tickets will also be sold at the door. For all of the details, go to santacruzchocolatefestival.org.

Financial Planning Seminar - Wednesday, January 21, 2009

Learn more about retirement planning and other investment vehicles by attending an hour-long seminar sponsored by the UCSC Women's Club. A panel of speakers will discuss topics such as changes in estate planning, medical issues and directives, tax issues, and how to manage your financial risk and optimize the return on your investments. The session will be held at 2155 Delaware Avenue, Santa Cruz, in the Monarch Conference Room (lobby level). To attend, you must register in advance with Lorraine Margon at lorraine21@earthlink.net.

Phantom Tea

In March 2009, look for your invitation to enjoy a cup of tea at home while making a donation to our scholarship fund. Send Phantom Tea invitations to friends who may be willing to contribute to our effort to raise funds sponsoring our scholarship recipients.

Show 'N Sell

Our annual Show 'n' Sell will take place at our regular monthly meeting on April 1. This is a sale of plants, gently-used books and videos, and other items. Last year this event raised over \$500. This is a good time to bring guests to our meeting so they, too, may enjoy our speaker and our sale. If you have questions or items to donate, contact Cynthia Noble-Vesecky at cynoble@yahoo.com or 425-1686.

Human Race – Sat., May 9, 2009

Human Race, the well-known Santa Cruz fundraiser, organized by the Volunteer Centers of Santa Cruz, is a 10K "fun" run/walk along West Cliff Drive. It's an easy way for many Women's Club members to participate. Join other Club members in raising money while enjoying the scenic views. Last year we had a great turn-out and a lot of fun walking the Human Race! More information will be available on our website as the date nears. Take a few extra steps each day, and you'll be in great shape for May!

Fundraisers

Looking for Silent Auction Donations

If you or someone you know would like to donate to the Chocolate Festival's Silent Auction on February 8, 2009, please contact Bonita Sebastian right away at BonitaSebastian@comcast.net or 831-425-5995. This is a great opportunity to gain exposure for a business or service and contribute to the scholarship fund at the same time. And...donors can receive a tax deduction.

Intercampus Day

Save Thursday, April 16, to attend Intercampus Day at UC Davis. The gathering is held each spring for the northern California campuses: UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC San Francisco, and UC Santa Cruz. Check our web site for more details as we receive them from our Davis hosts.

Interest Groups in Action

Garden Club

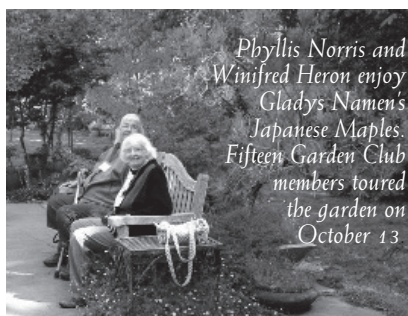


Jean Wipson and Barbara Vorlop decorate for the November UCSC Women's Club meeting.

Thanks to the Garden Club ladies who contributed materials and helped decorate for the November meeting. The berries, leaves, flowers, pumpkins, persimmons, pomegranates and dried corn looked lovely. Special thanks to Barbara Vorlop, Irene Osterbrock, Nancy Jones, Evonne Waldo, Jean Wipson, Phyllis Norris, Jo Barbier, Dorothy Hale, Nan Moore and Sharon Barry and also Mary Ellen Irons for her persimmons. It all came together beautifully.

Newcomers' Lunch

UCSC Women's Club Board Members hosted a luncheon for several of our new members on October 22 at Cynthia Noble-Vesecky's lovely home. Sitting on Cynthia's deck following the luncheon, old and new members shared their backgrounds and their connections with the Women's Club. We heartily welcome all of our wonderful new members and look forward to seeing them at our events.



Phyllis Norris and Winifred Heron enjoy Gladys Namen's Japanese Maples. Fifteen Garden Club members toured the garden on October 13.

Mary Ellen Irons and Nancy Jones join Gladys Namen at the October Garden Club tour of Gladys' Japanese Maples.



Jean Wipson and Dorothy Hale view some of Gladys Namen's Japanese Maples grown in containers.

—WINTER 2009—

UCSC WOMEN'S CLUB SPEAKER PROGRAM

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED,
WEDNESDAY MEETINGS ARE
FROM 11:30 AM – 1 PM

Bring your own lunch. Dessert and beverage are provided.

NO JANUARY MEETING

FEBRUARY 4

Messiah Lutheran Church
Melanie Mow Schumacher, Civil Engineer and the Public Outreach Coordinator for the pilot Desalination Program.

"The Seawater Reverse Osmosis Desalination Pilot Test Program"

MARCH 4

Horticulture II, UCSC Arboretum
Joyce Brodsky, Professor Emerita of the UCSC Art Department
"The Paintings of Yun Gee and Li-lan"

APRIL 1 11 AM

Horticulture II, UCSC Arboretum
Show 'n' Sell
Bill Hyder, UCSC Staff, Information Technology Services
"Chumash Rock Art"

MAY 6

Peachwoods at Pasatiempo
Spring Luncheon
with Scholarship Recipients

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Adventure Group

On October 23 the Adventure Group made the first trip of the season to visit Tao House, the home of playwright Eugene O'Neill, his wife Carlotta and their beloved Dalmatian Blemie. In 1937 they purchased a 158 acre ranch in Danville and built a house with a design based on the eastern Tao philosophy. Isolated from the world and within the walls of his home, O'Neill wrote his final and most memorable plays: *The Iceman Cometh*, *Long Day's Journey into Night*, and *A Moon for the Misbegotten*. To get to Tao House, a guide from the National Park Service picked us up in downtown Danville and drove us by shuttle bus up a hill, through a gated community, to a knoll with a beautiful view of the San Ramon Valley. After our tour of the house and garden, everyone agreed that it was a special experience and privilege to stand in O'Neill's study. It contains his original furniture, including his desk and typewriter. Due to the intervention of Katherine Hepburn, the park has also managed to retrieve his original bed, an antique Chinese opium bed. We found being in an author's living environment provided a new and unique perspective of his work.



Adventure Group members are ready to tour playwright Eugene O'Neill's Tao House in Danville.

We returned to Danville where we found a cute French deli and then headed down the road to Sunol where we paid homage to the Water Temple. It was designed in 1910 by architect Willis Polk, who always considered it his masterpiece. It was built for the Spring Valley Water Company to enhance it as a public utility service provider. In it, all the waters from the Alameda source of the Spring Valley Water Company meet and mingle before their long journey to San Francisco.

Our next Adventure group trip on November 14 was to the De Young Museum to see the Yves Saint Laurent

Exhibit. Then across the concourse we went to the brand new California Academy of Sciences. To complete the day we dined at the Forbes Island Restaurant, a man-made floating island off Pier 39. The day was memorable for all.

Future adventures planned for 2009:

- An overnight train trip to Sacramento and the State Capitol in January
- A hands-on chef's tutorial and meal in February
- Tourist-for-a-Day in Santa Cruz in March
- A progressive farm tour of Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties in April
- UCSC Women's Club Artists' Studio Tour in May
- Sailing aboard Chardonnay II in June
- A visit to Winchester Mystery House and Santana Row in July

Hiking Group



Enjoying a beautiful November morning, Hiking Group members pause on the coastal trail at Wilder Ranch State Park. They also witnessed the harvesting of Brussels sprouts and pumpkins.

Art Studios Tour

Members of the UCSC Women's Club who would like to open their studios to our members at the May Art Studios Tour, please contact Nan Moore, 471-2007 ncmoore@msn.com or Madeline Kaufmann, 429-8810 mmkauf@yahoo.com. Deadline is February 1, 2009.

For location and dates of Adventure Club activities contact Madeline Kauffman or Nan Moore.

Bonita Sebastian is the contact person for the Singles Gourmet group and the Drama Queens. They do not have regular meeting dates.

Days and times for new groups will be decided with input from interested members.

UCSC Women's Club Interest Group Calendar 2009

Check womensclub.ucsc.edu or the printed directory for contact information. Call or email for details.



WEST SIDE POWER WALKERS
7:30-8:30AM Karin Grobe



MAH JONGG
1-3:00PM Helen Palmer



SEW 'N' SEWS
6:00PM Jo Barbier



FIAT MUSICA
7:00-8:30PM Lorraine Margon

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday						
	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.				1	2	3						
January	4	BOOK CLUB ONE 1-2:30 Helen Palmer LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE 6-9:00 Irma Andrews KNIT NITE 7:00 Stephanie Nielsen	5	6	7	8	9	10					
	11	GARDEN CLUB 11-1:00 Cherry Thompson Barbara Vorlop	12	BRIDGE CLUB 12-3:00 Marian Brown Christine King	13	BOOK CLUB 3 12:00 BOOK CLUB 4 7:30 Eleanor Southers	14	BOOK CLUB 2 1:00	15	LUNCH BUNCH 12-1:00 Bonita Sebastian	16	BON APPETIT 6:00 Moroccan meal Amanda Van Loan Evelyn Prichard	17
	18	KNIT NITE 7:00 Stephanie Nielsen	19	EUCHRE 6:00 Dorothea Ditchfield	20	Financial Planning Seminar 2155 Delaware Ave. 11:00AM	21	22	23	24			
	25	LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE 6-9:00 Irma Andrews	26	27	28	29	30	31					
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March	29	30	31										



February

Three Charter Members

by Hazel Powell

When the UCSC campus opened in 1965, professors and staff came to Santa Cruz from all over the country. With them came their spouses, little expecting that they would settle here permanently with their families and become contributing members to our community and the UCSC Women's Club.

Three of our current members who came to UCSC in the early 1960s were charter members when the Women's Club was founded on April 1, 1966. Each served as president. They are Emily Clark (1969-1970), Kay Wagstaff (1980-1981), and Evelyn Casolari (1972-1973 and 1982-1983). Emily, Kay, and Evelyn met with me and May Clark recently and shared memories about the Club's early history.

Encouraged by Kay Kerr from the UC Berkeley Campus to form a club to welcome newcomers to the UCSC campus, 41 members formed the UCSC Women's Club, open to wives of faculty and staff and women faculty and staff. The first meeting was held at Jane McHenry's home in Pasatiempo; Ann Thimann served as president, and Evelyn was treasurer. There were no dues; members met for tea and dessert at an annual meeting, and interest groups met frequently. One of the oldest groups is the Garden Club which Evelyn and Emily chaired. It dissolved twice, but thrives today. Another original group is Book Club One; at each meeting one member reviews a book

for the group. Other groups included the Furniture Exchange where new faculty members and grad students could find needed household items, the Baby Sitting Co-Op, the Gourmet

In 1977-1978, during the presidency of Jene Zenner, the Club's by-laws were changed to allow non-University, associate members to join the Club. Scholarship fundraisers continued. One December event held in the Cowell College Dining Hall was an "Evening in Vienna." It featured dessert, music provided by a 24-piece orchestra, and dancing. In 1983 the Women's Club began inviting the community to "Spring Garden Previews." Tickets were \$6.00 and eventually went up to \$10. In 1985 the Club began sponsoring juried art shows and auctions, exhibiting works by UCSC faculty, staff, and their spouses. A new fundraiser, "Boiling for Dollars," was introduced in 1987. Live lobsters for \$10 or cooked ones for \$11 could be ordered for pickup at the Barn Theater. The Club also published a cookbook that year.

Emily, Kay, and Evelyn acknowledged the strong support of many of the UCSC Chancellors' wives who have contributed greatly to the Women's Club, often hosting Club meetings at the campus University House. Artist Patsy Taylor, wife of the third UCSC Chancellor Angus Taylor, donated a painting to benefit the scholarship program. Karen Sinsheimer was a featured speaker at Club meetings.

Whatever the event, our three charter members have enjoyed the UCSC Women's Club and its many associations.

Kay Wagstaff, Emily Clark, and Evelyn Casolari reminisce about the UCSC Women's Club history at a recent tea at Emily's home.



Kay Wagstaff 1980

Emily Clark 1969

Evelyn Casolari 1975

Photos from the Santa Cruz Sentinel show Kay, Emily and Evelyn involved in Club activities throughout the years.

Group and a Beach Walkers Group started by Kay. A popular outing was a holiday shopping and sightseeing trip to San Francisco.

In 1969 there were 101 members, and the Club had an outreach program to international students to help them become better acquainted with the community. By 1976 the Club provided a \$200 scholarship to one reentry student.