

President's Message

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.

Seasons Greetings! I wish you all the joy and warmth of friendship and a new year rich with blessings. My thanks for your membership and participation in our club. A special thanks to those of you who've contributed time and energy to organizing meetings, hosting interest groups, and making our fund-raising efforts a success. I hope you find opportunities to spread your wings with us—join an interest group, form a new interest group, volunteer to help with a fund-raiser, or take a role with the board. We're in the process of identifying members to be on the board next year, so please talk to 1st VP Bonita Sebastian or me if you'd like to explore the possibility of joining the board.

Please plan to attend the upcoming activities. On Monday, March 22, 2010, our club will host the Intercampus Gathering, providing members from our sister organizations at other UCs a full day program. On Sunday, January 24, 2010, the third annual Santa Cruz Chocolate Festival gives us the chance to raise money for re-entry scholarships, enjoy the camaraderie of friends, and eat chocolate! Please participate in some way—volunteer to help, attend, or encourage others to come, too.

I look forward to sharing the year ahead with you.

Sincerely,
Sally Lester
President

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please visit our web site,
<http://womensclub.ucsc.edu>*



**The 3rd Annual
SANTA CRUZ
Chocolate
Festival**

A CELEBRATION OF ALL THINGS CHOCOLATE
Tastings, Entertainment, Gift Items for Sale
Sunday, January 24, 2010, 1-5 pm
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




2010

UCSC Women's Club Board Roster

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President - Sally Lester
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Secretary - Laurie Salatich
Treasurer - Nutan Kopel

Coordinators

Food - Roberta Bromberger,
Rusty Bowman
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Membership- Stephanie Nielsen
Newsletter - Hazel Powell
Publicity - Nancy Eder
Scholarship - Mary Wells
Sunshine - Jo Barbier
Website - Andrea Cohen

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Rusty Bowman
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Lori Green
Ellen Kimmel
Lorraine Margon
Cynthia Noble-Vesecky

Chancellor's Representative

Kathleen Hughes

Chancellor's Associate

Kelly Weisberg



Chocolate Festival

The third annual Santa Cruz Chocolate Festival Fundraiser is set for Sunday, January 24, 2010, from 1-5 p.m. at the Cocomanut Grove Ballroom, Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk. Many Santa Cruz and Bay Area chocolate vendors will offer samples of their delicious confections. Chocolate goodies will be on sale as well, along with a variety of items from UCSC's Bay Tree Bookstore and Norrie's Gift Shop at the UCSC Arboretum. Cabrillo College Chef Anne Baldzikowski will demonstrate how cacao beans are turned into chocolate, and you'll even have a chance to help with this process! A new floor plan will provide plenty of space for all. Plan to attend, bring your friends, and join the fun. Last year we raised over \$22,000 for our scholarship program! Tasting tickets will be sold in January at Bookshop Santa Cruz and the Bay Tree Bookstore as well as at the door. For all of the details, go to santacruzchocolatefestival.org.

Thank You Donors ! - We extend our thanks to all of you, our generous donors, for your scholarship fund gifts this fiscal year. From July 1 to November 30, we have received \$2,500, even before any of our major annual events have occurred. Thanks to you, we're are off to a great start for this fiscal year!

UCSC Women's Club Interest Groups

Women's Club interest groups offer a great variety of activities. Enjoy cycling, hiking, or lunching with friends. Learn how to quilt, get back to knitting or learn to play bridge. Check out the Interest Group Calendar (see insert) to see the opportunities. Contact the group leader and sign up at any time.

Karin Grobe is our new **English in Action** coordinator. Participants work with international students in informal, non-structured meetings, giving the scholar, student or spouse an opportunity to practice conversational English and ask questions about the community. Currently there are three volunteers matched and two waiting to be matched. Contact Karin at kgrobe@wormdoctor.org or 427-0984.

Upcoming Events

Phantom Tea - Enjoy a cup of tea at home while making a donation to the Women's Club which supports scholarships for re-entry students. Look for your invitation in March.

Inter-campus Gathering - Monday, March 22 at UCSC.

Show 'n' Sell - April 7 at our regular monthly meeting. On sale will be plants, gently-used books and other items. Last year this event raised almost \$600. 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 - Saturday, May 8. Organized by the Volunteer Centers of Santa Cruz, the Human Race is a 10K "fun" run/walk along West Cliff Drive. Non-profits earn funds, and last year we raised over \$800. Contact **Laurie Salatich** at lsalatich@charter.net for registration information.

Fa la la la la ! Our own **Fiat Musica** has been spreading holiday cheer by performing at the following events: the UCSC Retirees Association's Holiday Potluck, the American Association of University Women's Holiday Luncheon, the UCSC Information Technology Services Holiday Party, and a kick-off for a UCSC Dining Services training day. **Fiat Musica** is now directed by **Sheila Willey** who came on board in early November. Sheila earned her graduate degree in music from UCSC. No doubt many of you have heard her sing in UCSC productions, most recently in *The Marriage of Figaro* and the *Women on the Verge* concert with Patrice Maginnis and Michele Rivard. Sheila teaches voice in the local area and leads her church choir.

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Easy Riders was started when **Gloria Dyer** felt she needed to get out and exercise, so she is asking Women's Club members to join her. **Easy Riders** is a group of cyclists that prefers a relaxed ride. The primary goal is getting outside and enjoying the beautiful Santa Cruz scenery and sunshine. Since rides are short, they don't take much time out of the day, about two hours, including lunch. "It's amazing how much exercise you can get in a short amount of time," says Gloria.



Trician Comings and Susie Bower find cycling with Easy Riders good exercise. Cyclers meet on alternate Fridays and Saturdays.



*The **Garden Club** meets at various garden sites throughout the year. On October 12th the meeting was at the Vorlop's home. Above, Gunter Vorlop describes fish in their pond to Jean Gergen, Jan Shaw, Trician Comings, Dorothy Hale, Marge Gregory, Paula Woolever, Marcia Couchman, Nancy Jones, Marlene Schmidt, Joan Griffiths, Robynn Walters, and Barbara Vorlop.*



Mary Ellen Irons, Jan Phister, and Barbara Vorlop of the Garden Club decorate tables for the November meeting of the UCSC Women's Club as President Sally Lester looks on.



Wax molder George Hayhoe at the Monterey Sculpture Center in Marina explains "the lost wax process" to Adventure Group members Pilar Kopecky, Marge Gregory, Nan Moore and Mary Jane Chambers.

The Adventure Club keeps members busy with a variety of road trips. On October 26, the trip was to the Firebird Foundry and Monterey Sculpture Center in Marina. It is the oldest and one of the largest art foundries on the West Coast with 33 years of operation. The center has done work for thousands of sculptors, casting pieces ranging in size from a few inches to 22 feet tall. Guide and wax molder George Hayhoe explained that every figure cast must have a figure made in wax. The wax is covered with a silica sand mixture to form a ceramic shell called the "investment." The investment is then heated to a very high temperature in a kiln, melting or burning up the wax that once was there, leaving empty space where the wax was, giving the whole operation the name "the lost wax process." Then bronze is heated and melted, and molten bronze is poured into the investment and allowed to cool. The ceramic shell is chipped away, revealing a bronze sculpture the exact size and shape of the wax. The bronze is then cleaned with glass bead blasting, welded with matching bronze and hand finished. The finished sculptures are simply gorgeous.

For future **Adventure Club** trips, contact **Nan Moore** or **Mary Ann Hobbs**.

Members wishing to attend a theater performance with a group should contact **Bonita Sebastian**, group leader of the **Drama Queens**. **The Bon Appetit** group meets four times during the year on dates set for the convenience of the members. Contact **Evelyn Prichard**.

WINTER 2010

UCSC WOMEN'S CLUB SPEAKER PROGRAM

Unless otherwise noted,
Wednesday meetings are from
11:30 am – 1 pm

Beverages are provided by the Club. Sweets and savories are provided by members. Call Roberta Bromberger or Rusty Bowman if you would like to bring something to share.

NO JANUARY MEETING

FEBRUARY 3

Messiah Lutheran Church
Kitchen Sisters
Davia Nelson and Nikki Silva,
award winning
NPR documentary producers

MARCH 3

Horticulture II, UCSC Arboretum
Jean Langenheim
UCSC Professor Emerita
of Ecology

APRIL 7, 11 am

Horticulture II, UCSC Arboretum
Patricia Boyer

Director of Student Affairs,
University of New Mexico,
Los Alamos,
and a former recipient of a
Women's Club scholarship

Show 'n' Sell

MAY 5, 11 am

Peachwoods at Pasatiempo
Spring Luncheon
with
Scholarship Recipients

Focus on Members

Currently in her final undergraduate year, **Barbara Smith**, a two time recipient of scholarships from the Club, is studying psychology, education, neuroscience and, of course, Irish culture in Cork, Ireland, attending the University College Cork. It was her intention to share a student's perspective about the cultural, economic, political, and social climate of Cork. But an unprecedented act of nature in Ireland warranted another focus. Torrential rainfall throughout the Emerald Isle as well as in England, Wales, and parts of Scotland caused astonishing floods breaking through historical geographical waterway patterns and infrastructures, leaving lives lost, homes destroyed and thousands of businesses ruined. Her former host family's home, for example, stood in four feet of water.



Barbara Smith

University College

Cork, which encountered severe damage, took emergency measures to close down the entire campus and redistribute thousands of students to temporary housing.

As so many others assisted the elderly and wheelchair-bound neighbors, Barbara volunteered with other emergency triage responder crisis-relief efforts within Cork City, while at the same time combining stress relief counseling for maxed-out families. "It doesn't take much to go over the edge when push comes to shove in human nature," she explains.

She describes what the public finally realized despite the lack of media coverage: "Beginning on November

20th at 2:00 am, a 'wall of water' was released from a dam eight miles out of Cork, where torrential rainfall swelled the dam's belly. Cork city officials held back the 'wall of water' as vigilant rescue parties scoured the River Lee in search of two boys missing since torrents of heavy rains began six days prior. The decision to focus on that search and rescue grew short-sighted. Cork's official decision-making process is now dealing with what went wrong. The massive 770 tons per second of water force finally released from the dam...breaking through dikes and river walls. For those responsible...bearing the burden of that decision remains a weighty one."

Barbara witnessed Ireland's "Thousand Welcomes." She writes, "People, whether family, friend or foe, took the high road, reaching the raw meaning of being available and being effective. But being effective comes with a price tag." With her coursework submerged as watery waste, she recalls Ireland's historical oppression which turned Ireland upside down and, in turn, led into Erin Civil War, rendering a trauma-focused society, where human fears, revenges, and hatreds began to play out in future generations. Encountering the 'wall of water' was, introspectively, significant.

"To confront generative ills is to confront the ills within," she explains. "Active participants from old rivalries lay down unsettled differences and outstretched their helping hands with willful hearts to one to another. That takes guts and humility in one fell swoop.

"Mind you, Cork has been long known as the 'rebel county' throughout all Ireland, as these Irish suffered hardest and longest...Now, these Irish move toward effective assistance with a decided choice, taking a magnanimous risk to losing face. What they gained now bears two significant outcomes: the tearing down of walls of fears within and the re-shaping of an infrastructure of a peopled nation learning life's lessons of what it takes to secure within by helping each other and encouraging each other step by step. Priceless."

Professor Kelly Weisberg on Historical Perspective of Women in the Law

*-based on an article by **Rebecca Connolly**, President, Women Lawyers of Santa Cruz County and UCSC Women's Club member*

Kelly Weisberg, professor at UC Hastings School of Law and Chancellor's Associate of the UCSC Women's Club, spoke at a September meeting of the Women Lawyers of Santa Cruz County and the Santa Cruz County Bar Association. Professor Weisberg, a distinguished legal scholar, discussed the progress women lawyers have made in the legal profession and challenges they face today.

The first woman lawyer in colonial America, Margaret Brent, became an attorney in 1638. Not until 1869 did a woman attorney join a state bar. Women involvement in the legal profession has been slow. Progress came as part of an organized social movement and was sometimes achieved by covert methods. Based on data from 2003, Weisberg noted that women constitute 29% of the legal profession, make up 50% of law students, and occupy 25% of tenured positions at law schools. Nevertheless, statistics show women represent 16% of partners in major law firms, 15% of general counsels in Fortune 500 companies are women, and about 17% of the federal judiciary, U.S. District Courts and Court of Appeals are women. Median weekly earnings of women lawyers working full time is 76% of what their male counterparts make. In the past ten years, the percentage of women law students increased 5%, median weekly earnings of women lawyers increased 3%, and the percentage of women partners in major law firms increased 3%. Professor Weisberg also discussed opportunities for UCSC students to mentor with bar association members through Services for Transfer and Re-Entry Students. Corinne Miller and Bill Dickinson are working on the idea and have lined up a number of UCSC alumni to help.

UCSC Women's Club Interest Group Calendar 2010

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.

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

 **MAH JONGG**
1-3 PM Helen Palmer

 **SEW 'N' SEWS**
6:00 PM Jo Barbier

 **FIAT MUSICA**
7:00-8:30PM Barbara Goza

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday					
	Easy Riders Cycling Group meets at different locations at 11 a.m., alternating between Friday and Saturday. For date and location contact Gloria Dyer.						1	2				
	Book Clubs 2 and 3 are not accepting new members in order to keep the groups small enough for good discussion. The other book clubs welcome new members.											
January	3	BOOK CLUB ONE 11-1:00 Helen Palmer LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE 6-9:00 Irma Andrews KNIT NITE 7-9 Stephanie Nielsen	4	5	6	7	8	9				
	10	GARDEN CLUB 11-1:00 Cherry Thompson Barbara Vorlop	11	BRIDGE CLUB 1:00 Virginia Law	12	BOOK CLUB 3 12:00 pm BOOK CLUB 4 7:30 Eleanor Southers	13	HIKING GROUP 9:30-3:00 Laurie Salatich Ellen Kimmel	14	LUNCH BUNCH 12-1:00 Bonita Sebastian	15	16
	17	KNIT NITE 7-9 Stephanie Nielsen	18	19	PLAY READING 1:00 Mary Jane Chambers	20	BOOK CLUB 2 1:00	21	22	23		
	24	LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE 6:30-9:00 Irma Andrews	25	26	27	28	29	30				
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24 CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL
1-5:00PM
The Coconut Grove