

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

### Message from the President

Welcome to the New Year! I wish you a wonderful 2012 and hope your year is filled with warm fellowship with family and friends. I appreciate your membership and participation in our club. 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.

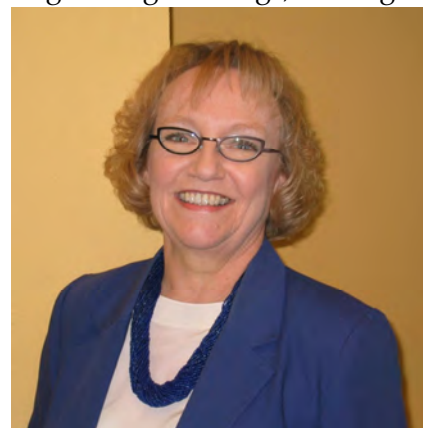
In the coming year, I hope you find many opportunities to increase your involvement with us: join an interest group--or form a new one--, volunteer to help with a fundraiser, or take a role with the board. We're in the process of identifying members to be on the board next year, so please talk to 2<sup>nd</sup> VP May Clark or me if you'd like to explore the possibility of joining us.

I hope you'll include upcoming club activities in your New Year plans. On Sunday, January 22, 2012, the fifth annual **Santa Cruz Chocolate Festival** gives us the opportunity to raise additional funds for re-entry scholarships, enjoy the camaraderie of friends, and eat chocolate! Please join us in this fun and worthwhile event— volunteer to help, attend as a guest, and encourage others to come, too.

I look forward to sharing the year ahead and all its exciting activities with you.

With warm regards,

*Bonita Sebastian*



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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.*

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## **Travel Club Takes Off**

The Travel Club, a new interest group in the UCSC Women's Club, is off to a good start. At the organizational meeting, with 11 members present, we decided to meet on the last Monday of each month from 10:00 am to 11:30 am, or noon at the latest, in members' homes. We plan to start with presentations by members about their trips. We will meet in the presenter's home unless she believes a larger home is needed. Discussions will be informal, and everyone is encouraged to participate. By all means, ask questions! Although we will not serve refreshments, members may choose to have lunch together in a local restaurant after the meeting.

Twelve members came to the late November meeting, where I (Rusty) presented a slide show (splendid, I thought) about our trip to safari camps in southern Africa in September. We continued the lively discussion with plans and suggestions for future programs. Our next meeting will be January 30 at the home of Roberta Bromberger. Roberta will show us her collections from Africa, where she lived for two years, then talk about Untours and her trip to Eastern Europe. Continuing the Eastern European theme, May Clark will show slides from her visit to Budapest and Prague.

The Travel Club is a work in progress! Future meetings may feature discussions of travel in Costa Rica, Turkey, Sri Lanka, Ireland, and Bolivia. Or, we might hold meetings about tour options, emphasizing groups like Road Scholar, Odyssey Unlimited, and Pacific Harbor Travel, a local travel agency. Laurie Salatich is particularly enthusiastic and knowledgeable about tour options. We might schedule occasional evening meetings for those who cannot attend a Monday morning meeting. We might have guest speakers, such as local travel agents who want to tell us about their services. Perhaps we'll plan short trips with each other or find travel companions for major trips. Come join us and help choose future activities. If interested, contact Rusty Bowman, Interest Group Coordinator, at [ebowman@ucsc.edu](mailto:ebowman@ucsc.edu).



## It's Just Around the Corner—YUM!

That, of course, would be the **Chocolate Festival!** This year's fete is on Sunday, 22 January, from 1-4, at the Cocoanut Grove, right on the Main Beach in Santa Cruz. Begun five years ago by a dedicated team of volunteers led by Lorraine Margon, this event has evolved into the UCSC Women's Club biggest fundraiser. This year's event finds Ann Berry-Kline at the helm. She and her hard-working committee have made some changes and additions to this festive and delicious celebration that promise to make it better than ever.

Given the very popular nature of the festival, there have been some concerns about crowds. To mitigate that issue, the committee has added the Sun Room to the venue, greatly expanding our capability to showcase our 30+ vendors and keep the attendees comfortable. Another noteworthy new feature is Cupcake Decorating, ideal for budding bakers (and their parents) to create edible delights. We thank Starz Cupcakes for their help with this new venture.

There will be a silent auction of selected gifts, some welcoming words from local folks, and live music (which, in 2010, inspired some spontaneous dancing!). A representative from the mayor's office will be on hand to proclaim this Chocoholic Day in the Great City of Santa Cruz. Finally (drumroll here), a dedicated sweet tooth will be awarded the coveted **Chocoholic of the Year** prize. Nominations for this prestigious title will begin the week of January 9<sup>th</sup>. You may even nominate yourself! Watch for an email announcement. The winner will receive a trophy and a basket of—you guessed it—some of the best chocolate confections.

Tickets are available in advance at several venues, including Whole Foods Markets in Capitola and Santa Cruz, Bookshop Santa Cruz, the Bay Tree Bookstore on the UCSC Campus and Norrie's Gift Shop at the UCSC Arboretum.

Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door and entitle the holder to 6 tastings. Buy your tickets early; we will sell only as many tickets as we have tastings! Invite your family, friends—even that neighbor you

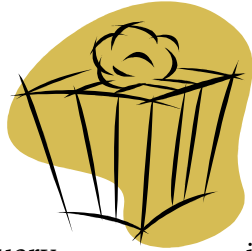
haven't yet gotten to know. There is something for everyone at this truly unique and delicious event.


The defining purpose behind the countless hours and yeomen's efforts the club members put into the Chocolate Festival is that the proceeds benefit the UCSC Women's Club scholarship program. And that's the best news of all.



## Think Inside *and* Outside the Box!

At our general meetings, each speaker receives a small box containing a thank-you from our members and a remembrance of our organization. What's inside, you ask? The box is filled with candies which cushion a computer thumb drive (a data storage device which is similar to a disk but much smaller) with our name, "UCSC Women's Club," written on it. Our hope is that each time the person uses it he/she will think of us!



On Wednesday, 1 February,  journey up to the Arboretum and buckle up for a trip far, far away. Professor Greg Laughlin, Chairman of the Astronomy and Astrophysics Department, will speak about "The Galactic Planetary Census." You may see stars!

On 7 March, we will return not only to Earth but to the entrance of UCSC. Frank Perry, museum consultant and UCSC graduate, will be speaking about the historic Lime Kiln District which is located near the main entry gate of the campus. This is an area most of us drive by frequently without, perhaps, knowing much, if anything, about it. Plan to take some notes so you can impress out-of-town guests with an informed tour. This meeting is also at the Arboretum.

The speaker for 4 April's meeting is still not decided upon. Look for news of our "surprise guest" in an upcoming notice. Winding up our spring schedule is, of course, the always-anticipated Scholarship Awards Luncheon. Be sure to save the date: 2 May.

Our club offers us many opportunities to keep learning. Join us at our meetings; maybe the academic air will inspire rich thinking *outside* the box!

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*Note: Carpooling to meetings is a great idea. Parking at the Arbo 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.*

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## Scholarship Recipients in the News



**Brent Hughes**, a graduate student in ecology and evolutionary biology, was as part of his Ph.D. dissertation recently featured in the *Santa Cruz Sentinel* for his research concerning the algae threat in the Elkhorn Slough. He is the first author on a paper that describes his findings and which is currently in press as part of the Marine Ecology Progress Series.

Our scholarship is helping Brent, as part of his Ph.D. dissertation, to investigate the effects of pollution on ecosystems along the California coast. For more information, see the *Sentinel* article at [http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/ci\\_19268064](http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/ci_19268064)

**Angela Quiros** is another re-entry scholarship winner. Here, Angela is putting her research grant to work swimmingly, studying sea grass in the South Pacific.



*Of special note to all our supporters: your efforts over the years--from 1976-2011-- have yielded a walloping \$198,242 in scholarship awards. The volunteer work we do makes the students' work—and their contributions to our society—more possible.*

*What great partnerships we've helped to generate!*

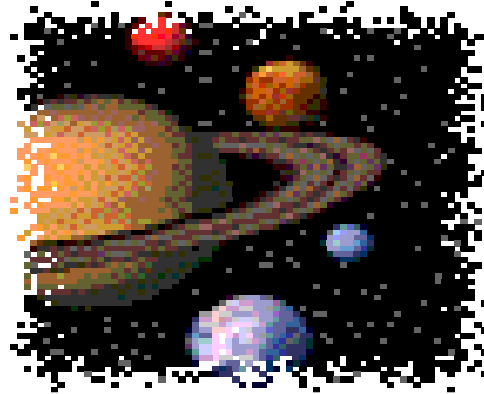
## The Osterbrock Leadership Fellowships: A Unique PhD Training Experience

Do you aspire to be both scientist and leader? Do you feel prepared for the challenges of leading a big project, launching a new business, or even just leading your own research group? Do you know effective ways to influence both people and institutions to promote your goals?

Your PhD in astronomy could take you in a thousand different directions. Academia is peppered with astronomers serving as deans, directors, provosts, and even university presidents. Astronomers are businesspersons, educators, government leaders, and politicians. Even if you start out in research, you could wind up in a totally different sphere.

Studying astronomy will teach you how to think clearly – you'd be surprised how rare that is! But thinking is not enough. As a researcher, you may be called on to lead big projects with multi-million-dollar budgets. As an academician, you may be department chair. Moving up or out of the field will require an even broader perspective. For all these things, you'll need to understand people and organizations, how to motivate and inspire, and how to manage complex endeavors. This constellation of skills and understanding is rarely featured in normal PhD training.

The Osterbrock Leadership Fellows program offers membership in a unique leadership training program at UCSC. Each Fellow will be teamed with one or more outstanding senior mentors and other walks of life. These relationships form the core of an enriched training experience that includes special programs, internships, and activities outside the department, planned with the advice and support of your mentor. Ten to twelve Fellows will be in residence at UCSC at any one time, large enough to provide a mutual support group of like-minded students who can learn and work together. Each fellowship carries a one-time cash premium of \$5,000 in addition to regular graduate support.



The Osterbrock Fellowships are established in honor of eminent American astronomer Donald E. Osterbrock and his wife Irene. Don Osterbrock pioneered the study of gaseous nebulae and originated the classification scheme for active galactic nuclei. He was one of Lick Observatory's most influential directors. Don was a gifted teacher, and the doctoral students he advised comprise a significant portion of America's astronomical leadership. His wife, Irene, worked tirelessly to help establish the UCSC Library's Mary Lea Shane Archives of the Lick Observatory as a world-renowned repository of U.S. astronomical history. She is also, we're proud to say, a member of our UCSC Women's Club.



## The Garden Club Digs It!



*Melinda Kralj, curator of the Australian Garden at the Arboretum, offers a tour to Garden Club members in September. Hanging on Melinda's every word are members (l. to r.) Irene Osterbrock, Mary Gonzales, Laurie Root, Jeannie Land, Barbara Vorlop, Nancy Eder, Tanya Honig, Ilene Wilson, Nancy Jones, Pilar Kopecky and Marge Gregory. The Garden Club is just one of our club's many stimulating interest groups.*

*Thanks to our contributing writers and photographers: Irma Andrews, Rusty Bowman, May Clark, Mary Gonzalez, Ann Berry Kline, Sally Lester, Lorraine Margon, Hazel Powell, Bonita Sebastian and Cherry Thompson.*

*Marty Dunn, Editor*

## New Members in Our Midst



*New members (from left) Stephanie Cook, Tanya Honig, Pam Lawson, and Susan Algert jumped into club doings at the November general meeting at the Arbo.*

In addition to the four lassies above, other new members include Megan Baskette, Diane Collopy, Eileen Hamilton, Syda Kosofsky, Carolyn Kruger, Kerrie McCaffrey, Anne McCallum, Betty Marquez, Sylvia Thompson Park, Janet Rymsha, Kathy Schutt, Heidi Stauffer, Mary Tavella, and Chris Zemny.

Eight inductees from this enthusiastic group broke bread with the board at the Newcomers' Luncheon on October 20 at Mary Ann Hobbs' lovely home. A hearty welcome to each of you! 🍷



## UCSC Women's Club Interest Group Calendar 2012

Check [womensclub.ucsc.edu](http://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 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.

### ***JANUARY CALENDAR***

<b><i>DATE</i></b>	<b><i>INTEREST GROUP</i></b>	<b><i>TIME</i></b>	<b><i>CONTACT</i></b>
2	ENGLISH IN ACTION	1:00	Karin Grobe
2	LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE	6:00-9:00	Irma Andrews
3,10,17,24,31	WEST SIDE WALKERS	8:00-9:30AM	Karin Grobe
3,10,17,24,31	MAH JONG	1:00	Helen Palmer
3,10,17,24,31	SEW 'N' SEWS	6:00-9:00	Jo Barbier
5,12,19,26	FIAT MUSICA	7:00	Barbara Goza
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
13	YARN GANG	2:00	Joan Zimmerman
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

### ***FEBRUARY CALENDAR***

2,9,16,23	FIAT MUSICA	7:00	Barbara Goza
6	ENGLISH IN ACTION	1:00	Karin Grobe
6	LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE	6:00-9:00	Irma Andrews
7,14,21,28	WEST SIDE WALKERS	8-9.30AM	Karin Grobe
7,14,21,28	MAH JONG	1:00	Helen Palmer

7,14,21,28	SEW 'N' SEWS	6:00-9:00	Jo Barbier
8	BOOK CLUB 3	NOON	
8	BOOK CLUB 4	7:30-9:00	
9	HIKING GROUP	9:30-3:00	Laurie Salatich, Ellen Kimmel
10	YARN GANG	2:00	Joan Zimmerman
13	GARDEN CLUB	11:00-1:00	Cherry Thompson, Barbara Vorlop
14	BRIDGE CLUB	12:30	Virginia Law
15	PLAYREADING	Times vary	Mary Jane Chambers
16	BOOK CLUB 2	1:00	
17	LUNCH BUNCH	NOON - 1:00	Irma Andrews
20	BOOK CLUB 5	1:00-2:30	Mary Jane Chambers
27	TRAVEL GROUP	10:00-11.30	Rusty Bowman
27	LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE	6:30-9:00	Irma Andrews

***MARCH CALENDAR***

1,8,15,22,29	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
6,13,20,27	WEST SIDE WALKERS	8-9:30AM	Karin Grobe
6,13,20,27	MAH JONG	1:00	Helen Palmer
6,13,20,27	SEW 'N' SEWS	6:00-9:00	Jo Barbier
8	HIKING GROUP	9:30-3:00	Laurie Salatich, Ellen Kimmel
9	YARN GANG	2:00	Joan Zimmerman
12	GARDEN CLUB	11:00-1:00	Cherry Thompson, Barbara Vorlop
13	BRIDGE CLUB	12:30	Virginia Law
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19	BOOK CLUB 5	1:00-2:30	Mary Jane Chambers
21	PLAYREADING	Times vary	Mary Jane Chambers
26	TRAVEL GROUP	10:00-11.30	Rusty Bowman
26	LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE	6:30-9:00	Irma Andrews