

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

Message from the President

I recently helped my mother celebrate her 100th birthday! Quite an accomplishment for a wonderful woman! She has had such a long and fulfilling life. She worked in the White House; raised three children; substitute taught elementary school students; wrote and edited several educational publications; coordinated world-wide architectural exhibitions; managed the roll-out of Title IX to school administrators across the US; was a City Guide in San Francisco; and traveled the world. (I think the only continent she has not stepped foot on is Antarctica.)



One of the most important things I learned from my mother is her secret of longevity. When asked how she has been able to live so long, she always answers, "Keep moving." I asked her to explain a bit more. She said, "Keep doing things; tackle the next challenge in your life; join with others to accomplish good things; stay interested and active."

She inspires me; I endeavor to follow in her footsteps and am happy to pass her advice on to you... Take it to heart; live an

interesting and fulfilling life; follow your dreams.

Congratulations to you for being a part of the UCSC Women's Club. Our club provides many opportunities to take her good advice: get involved in interesting and fulfilling activities, take on a challenge to help raise money for scholarships, give back to your community, and live a long and happy life.

Warm regards,

Bonita Sebastian



Welcome to new members who have joined us recently. We are glad you are here.

Judy Ziegler	Susan Lonnbald
Mary-Nona Hudson	Pamela Peterson
June Heaton	Catherine Pickerrell
Jan Kamman	Sharron Barth

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.*

IT TAKES A VILLAGE:

Supporting Santa Cruz County
Foster Youth in Their Education
April 2, 2014 11:00 AM – 1 PM
at the UCSC Arboretum

Our guest speakers will be:
CASEY SHUTTE, Project Manager,
FosterEd Initiative, SC County Office of
Education
CYNTHIA DRULEY, Executive Director,
Court Appointed Special Advocates
(CASA)
CATHERINE LACHANCE, Director, Foster
Youth Independence Program, Cabrillo
College
ISADORA CAFFE, Program Coordinator,
Smith Renaissance Society, UC Santa Cruz

There are approximately half a million foster children in the United States. Moved from their families because they have experienced abuse or neglect, these children frequently lack an adult supporting their educational success. Consequently, their educational outcomes are heartbreakingly poor. Recent studies have found that foster children:

- Have significantly higher rates of absenteeism and disciplinary referrals than their peers
- Are more likely to perform below grade level (75% perform below grade level)
- Are about twice as likely to be held back in school (83% are held back by third grade)
- Drop out of school nearly twice as frequently (50% obtain a high school diploma/GED)
- Attend a four-year college at a significantly lower rate (less than 3% do so)

At our April 2 meeting, come learn how the educational needs of the more than 250 foster children in Santa Cruz County are being addressed through the participating organizations and what you may be able to do to help.

The annual Show-n-Sell fundraiser will be held in conjunction with the April 2nd General Meeting. Money raised will go to the Rita Olsen Pister Scholarship Endowed Fund for re-entry students. Members of the Interest Groups will provide various items for sale along with donated books.

You can participate in these ways:

- Support the sale on April 2nd with your purchases
 - Bring a friend to the sale
 - Donate items (books, books on tape, DVD's, plants and crafts – no textbooks)
- Please contact Virginia Rivera at vvrivera@ucsc.edu or 459-5227 or Bonnie McLeskey at mcleskey@ucsc.edu or 502-7112 with questions.

“Spring Sunshine and Stellar Student Scholars” Scholarship Luncheon - May 7, 2014

How often do we hear, "When opportunity knocks, listen?"

Every May, members of the UCSC Women's Club have the opportunity to attend a luncheon celebration, the purpose of which is to listen and learn something about the scholarship recipients.

Students present their stories, which cross the spectrum of challenge. While each story is unique, a common thread of persistence and determination explains how they overcome many obstacles toward a better future for themselves and their families. All of you have worked tirelessly to raise funds for this wonderful event. Please come and spend time with recipients who want to share their story and personal gratitude.

Join us on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at Hollins House in Pasatiempo. Because seating is limited, make your reservations early. You may do so at the April meeting, or by contacting Mary Gonzalez at 427-3489 or via e-mail at maryfran.gonzalez@comcast.net.

Other Spring Events



Watch for your **Phantom Tea** invitation coming soon. Just sit back and enjoy a cup of tea, and make a contribution to our scholarship fund.

Join the Human Race

May 10th 2014, 2300 Delaware Ave

The Human Race is Santa Cruz County's largest community fundraiser, and provides an opportunity for local non-profits to raise money for their programs, as well as high visibility for the club community wide. The UCSC Women's Club participates to raise money for scholarships for UCSC re-entry students. The Women's Club receives 75% of all money it collects.

The Human Race event consists of a walk and fun run, along one of Santa Cruz's most iconic spots, West Cliff Drive.

Complimentary breakfast and lunch, music, carnival games, gifts and prizes and lots of celebration are all part of race day! You don't have to be an athlete or even walk the entire route to participate in the Human Race - vans will circle the route to pick up 'racers' and return them to the starting line.

Raising scholarship money through the Human Race is easy!

Collect pledges from individuals, family

and friends, community groups. You can even form a team! And remember, collecting pledges does not mean you have to walk or run the race!

Donations can be made in person or on line. Pledge forms are available through Women's Club Board members, and by contacting Claudia Parrish at cparrish@ucsc.edu.

To make an on-line donation go directly to the Human Race web site - <http://www.humanracesc.org> and click on the Nonprofit Participants link at the top right of the page, then select the UCSC Women's Club from the drop - down list. If every Women's Club member raised or donated the minimum pledge of \$35 we would raise over \$3,000 for scholarships for UCSC re-entry students! Let's go have some fun!!

The Chocolate Festival



The 7th annual Santa Cruz Chocolate Festival was a huge success this year! The event was held on January 19th, 2014 at the Cocoanut Grove at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk. It was a sunny, warm day with sparkling waves coming onto the beach!

We had roughly 1000 patrons attend the event. It all ran smoothly because of our nearly 120 volunteers!

There were 22 purveyors of chocolate, 5

wineries, the silent auction, cupcake decorating, face painting, a demonstration of how to turn cocoa nibs into yummy, edible chocolate, and we had live music! Our very own President of the Women's Club, Bonita Sebastian, was nominated and WON the Chocoholic of the Year award! The Mayor was on hand to proclaim the day Chocoholic's Day in the City of Santa Cruz as well.

The Women's Club will be able to contribute nearly \$16,500 to the scholarship fund for next year's recipients! We received \$5,700 from sponsors, \$2,325 from the silent auction, and the remainder from patrons attending the event.

Thank you to all of you who were on the Leadership Team or volunteered. This event would not be possible without your help!*

*This is a thank you from Ann Berry-Kline who chaired the event. We all owe Ann a big thank you.

Let Light Be Made, Chapter 2

Our monthly programs for the 2013-14 year have been based on the University of California motto FIAT LUX, "Let There Be Light" or, as literally translated, "Let Light Be Made".

In keeping with this theme, we are launching a talent search of sorts and asking you to turn a light on yourself and illuminate your talents, skills or favorite activities that may be of help to the UCSC Women's Club.

When you renew your membership for the 2014-15 year, you will see a new question on the form, asking about your hidden (or not so hidden) talents. Let your light shine! The membership year begins July 1; the membership renewal form will be available at the Scholarship Luncheon on May 7 and on the UCSC Women's Club website.

Interest Group Activities

The Country Riders



Lorraine Margon, Trician Comings, Laurie Salatich, Chris Zemny and Ilene Wilson at lunch break on their Fort Ord to Monterey bike trip in February.

The "Country Riders" meet on the first and third Mondays of the month for bike rides. There are both experienced and

beginning riders, and all sorts of bikes - road, mountain, hybrid, new and old. Their rides have mainly been on bike paths throughout the bay area. They include the Los Gatos Creek bike trail by Vasona in Los Gatos, the Coyote Creek Trail in Morgan Hill, the Sawyer Camp trail by Crystal Springs Reservoir, the Ohlone Trail in Wilder Ranch, the bike path from Fort Ord to Monterey, and a special road ride to Gizdich Ranch for pie. The paved bike paths have no cars. Bikers car pool to their trails and always end with a fun lunch!

For those wanting to join in the fun, contact Chris Zemny at rabjudge@sbcglobal.net or Ilene Wilson at mygardensup@aol.com.

Bridge Club



Virginia Law hosts the bridge club at her home on the second Tuesday of each month.

Bon Appetit



The Bon Appetit group meets four times a year. Members enjoy the food they have prepared, as well as good company.

Reminders . . .

Stephanie Neilsen welcomes input from all of us about club activities. Information and pictures from our fundraisers and interest groups are welcome.

Guests are welcome at all our general meetings. Invite a friend. The April Show 'n' Sell is an especially good one. They can buy books, plants and more. **But** see the next column . . .

Alert!

As you may know, we have been working diligently to put together the UCSC Women's Club board for next year. It is just about completed; however, we do have one important position that remains empty- the coordinator(s) for the annual Show'n'Sell. This is one of our most popular events and a nice way to raise additional funds for our scholarship program.

If no one steps up to take on this task, it will not continue! If you or someone you know would be interested in helping your club and the students we assist, please contact a current board member right away. **Do not let this event die!**

A Gift to UCSC that Provides Income for Life

Have you thought about making a gift to UC Santa Cruz through a Charitable Gift Annuity? A Gift Annuity can fulfill your philanthropic goals while providing you with income for life, tax incentives and the ability to bypass capital gains.

A Charitable Gift Annuity is a contract between a donor and the UC Regents. In exchange for a gift of cash, stock or other assets valued at \$20,000 or more, the UC Regents pay a fixed, lifetime income to up to two annuitants, aged 50 or older. Contact the Office of Planned Giving at 831-502-7112 to request a customized illustration.

UCSC Women's Club Interest Group Calendar April, May and June 2014

**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 Annita Sibert. The Bon Appetit group meets four times a year at dates that accommodate members of the group. Contact Rusty Bowman.

Play Reading 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 Clubs 1 and 5 welcome new members.

April 2014

DATE	INTEREST GROUP	TIME	CONTACT
5	ADVENTURE CLUB MAH Exhibit	11:00	Janet Rymsha
5	BON APPETIT		Rusty Bowman
10	BOOK CLUB 1	7:00	Susan Algert - 2 nd Thursday
17	BOOK CLUB 2	1:00	Closed - 3 rd Thursday
9	BOOK CLUB 3	NOON	Closed - 2 nd Wednesday
9	BOOK CLUB 4	7:30-9:00	Closed - 2 nd Wednesday
21	BOOK CLUB 5	1:00-2:30	Mary Jane Chambers - 3 rd Monday
8	BRIDGE CLUB	12:30	Virginia Law - 2 nd Tuesday
7, 21	COUNTRY RIDERS	10	Chris Zemny - 1 st & 3 rd Monday Ilene Wilson
1	ENGLISH IN ACTION	1:00	Karin Grobe - 1 st Tuesday
3, 10, 17, 24	FIAT MUSICA	7:00	Michele Kibrick - Thursdays
14	GARDEN CLUB	11:00-1:00	Marcia Charland - 2 nd Monday Janet Rymsha
10	HIKING GROUP	9:30-3:00	Laurie Salatich - 2 nd Thursday Louise West
7	LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE	6:00-9:00	Irma Andrews - 1 st Monday
28		6:30-9:00	- 4 th Monday
18	LUNCH BUNCH	NOON-1:00	Irma Andrews - 3 rd Friday
1,8,15,22,29	MAH JONG	1:00	Hazel Powell - Tuesdays
14	PLAYREADING	Times vary	Mary Jane Chambers-2 nd Monday
1,8,15,22,29	SEW 'N' SEWS	6:00-9:00	Jo Barbier - Tuesdays
28	TRAVEL GROUP	10:00-11.30	Rusty Bowman - Last Monday
7,14,21,28	WEST SIDE WALKERS	3:00	Rusty Bowman - Mondays

May 2014

DATE	INTEREST GROUP	TIME	CONTACT
9	ADVENTURE CLUB	10:00	Annita Sibert Harley Farms Goat Tour
8	- limited - tentatively BOOK CLUB 1	7:00	Susan Algert - 2 nd Thursday
15	BOOK CLUB 2	1:00	Closed - 3 rd Thursday
14	BOOK CLUB 3	NOON	Closed - 2 nd Wednesday
14	BOOK CLUB 4	7:30-9:00	Closed - 2 nd Wednesday
19	BOOK CLUB 5	1.00-2.30	Mary Jane Chambers – 3 rd Monday
13	BRIDGE CLUB	12:30	Virginia Law - 2 nd Tuesday
5, 19	COUNTRY RIDERS	10	Chris Zemny - 1 st & 3 rd Monday Ilene Wilson
6	ENGLISH IN ACTION	1:00	Karin Grobe - 1 st Tuesday
1, 8, 15, 22, 29	FIAT MUSICA	7:00	Michele Kibrick - Thursdays
12	GARDEN CLUB	11:00-1:00	Marcia Charland - 2 nd Monday Janet Rymsha
8	HIKING GROUP	9:30-3:00	Laurie Salatich - 2 nd Thursday Louise West
5 26	LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE	6:00-9:00 6:30-9:00	Irma Andrews - 1 st Monday - 4 th Monday
16	LUNCH BUNCH	NOON-1:00	Irma Andrews - 3 rd Friday
6, 13, 20, 27	MAH JONG	1:00	Hazel Powell - Tuesdays
12	PLAYREADING	Times vary	Mary Jane Chambers-2 nd Monday
6, 13, 20, 27	SEW 'N' SEWS	6:00-9:00	Jo Barbier - Tuesdays
26	TRAVEL GROUP	10:00-11.30	Rusty Bowman - Last Monday
5, 12, 19, 26	WEST SIDE WALKERS	3:00	Rusty Bowman - Mondays

June 2014

DATE	INTEREST GROUP	TIME	CONTACT
	ADVENTURE CLUB		Annita Sibert open
12	BOOK CLUB 1	7:00	Susan Algert - 2 nd Thursday
19	BOOK CLUB 2	1:00	Closed - 3 rd Thursday
11	BOOK CLUB 3	NOON	Closed - 2 nd Wednesday
11	BOOK CLUB 4	7:30-9:00	Closed - 2 nd Wednesday

16	BOOK CLUB 5	1.00-2.30	Mary Jane Chambers – 3 rd Monday
10	BRIDGE CLUB	12:30	Virginia Law - 2 nd Tuesday
2,16	COUNTRY RIDERS	10	Chris Zemny - 1 st & 3 rd Monday Ilene Wilson
	ENGLISH IN ACTION	Karin Grobe	- Does not meet during the summer
	FIAT MUSICA	Michele Kibrick	- Does not meet during the summer
9	GARDEN CLUB	11:00-1:00	Marcia Charland - 2 nd Monday Janet Rymsha
12	HIKING GROUP	9:30-3:00	Laurie Salatich - 2 nd Thursday Louise West - and TBD
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3, 10, 17, 24	MAH JONG	1:00	Hazel Powell - Tuesdays
9	PLAYREADING	Times vary	Mary Jane Chambers-2 nd Monday
3, 10, 17, 24	SEW 'N' SEWS	6:00-9:00	Jo Barbier - Tuesdays
30	TRAVEL GROUP	10:00-11.30	Rusty Bowman - Last Monday
2, 9, 16, 23, 30	WEST SIDE WALKERS	3:00	Rusty Bowman - Mondays

Most groups continue meeting during the summer months.