

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

### Message from the President

Happy New Year! This is a lovely season of the year—a time to reflect on friends and family and good times. I wish you all the joy and warmth of friendship and a new year rich with blessings. 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, form a new interest group, 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 email May Clark ([mwc@kestrel-press.com](mailto:mwc@kestrel-press.com)) or me ([BonitaSebastian@comcast.net](mailto:BonitaSebastian@comcast.net)) if you'd like to explore the possibility of joining us.

I hope you'll include upcoming club activities in your plans for the coming year. On Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014, the 7<sup>th</sup> 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! Don't forget to cast your vote for your favorite Chocoholic between January 13 and 17. Look for the crowning of the honored celebrity at the Festival. Please join us in this fun and worthwhile event— volunteer to help, attend as a guest, and encourage others to come, too.

Our next General Meeting is Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 at the Arboretum. The theme of this meeting is a Valentine's Day Special.....“You Light Up My Life”. Be sure to attend to find out all about it.

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

With warm regards,

*Bonita Sebastian*

### “Let Light Be Made When Campus and Community Come Together”

The UCSC Women's Club Program theme for 2013-2014 is based on the University of California motto FIAT LUX, *let there be light*, or literally translated *let light be made*.

JANUARY 19 Chocolate Festival  
“Dark or Light—Have a Bite”

FEBRUARY 5 Valentine's Day Special  
“You Light Up My Life”

MARCH 5 Artificial Societies

APRIL 2 To be announced

MAY 7 Annual Luncheon...“Spring  
Sunshine and Stellar Student Scholars”

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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.*



### JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

January 19th is the date of the seventh annual Chocolate Festival! It will be held, once again, at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk's Cocoanut Grove from 1-4. We are lucky to have a nearly full set of vendors signed up for this year's event! With many returning vendors and many new vendors to the event, it will make the day new and interesting for those of us returning year after year!

We are currently seeking silent auction items and sponsorships. If you know of individuals or local businesses that would like to participate but do not have the fortune of having products made with chocolate, guide them to our website at <http://santacruzchocolatefestival.org>.

There are links to become a sponsor or donate a silent auction item. Those who register will be contacted by the appropriate committee member for follow up. Personal sponsorships (Chocolate Kiss) start at \$100, business sponsorships (Dark Chocolate) are \$300 or more and silent auction items need to be worth at least \$50. Acknowledgement and publicity for each item are described on the website. We appreciate your help

in this effort as, after expenses, EVERY dollar brought in goes to scholarships.

If you would like to volunteer for this fun event, go to <http://santacruzchocolatefestival.org>, click on volunteer opportunities to fill out the form and learn more about the many opportunities available.

Cupcake decorating for the young and young at heart, a silent auction, awarding of the Chocoholic of the Year, live music and a proclamation from the Mayor are all on the docket for the day! We have added several wine, hot chocolate and coffee tables, plus more savory entries to allow us to taste more chocolate and make the day a leisurely spent and fun filled afternoon.

You can nominate your favorite chocoholic for the Chocoholic of the Year award at our website:

<http://santacruzchocolatefestival.org>. Nominations are being taken from January 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup>. Nominees will be looked at and several will be chosen for voting!

Tasting tickets, wine glasses, aprons and cupcake decorating tickets will be available on-line starting in mid-December! A day at the Chocolate Festival would make a great Christmas gift for loved ones or those planning to visit!

### **Baskets, Baskets, Baskets**

Get your basket sign ups to Mary Ann Hobbs for the chocolate Festival as soon as possible. You can choose to do a complete basket worth \$60.00 or donate the money, and the silent Auction Team will take the worry away from you.

## February Meeting



Cathleen Miller is a nonfiction writer and our speaker on February 5, 2014. Her latest work is *Champions of Choice*, named one of the top biographies of the year by the American Library Association.

Miller will be discussing this book. It is a biography of Nafis Sadik, an obstetrician, wife, mother and devout Muslim who has been a tireless advocate for women. She has insisted on discussing difficult issues that impact their lives. They include education, contraception, abortion, as well as rape and other forms of violence.

After Sadik joined the fledgling UN Population Fund in 1971, her groundbreaking strategy for providing females with education and tools to control their own fertility has dramatically influenced the global birthrate.

*Champions of Choice* is the first book to examine Sadik's contribution to history and the unconventional methods she has employed to improve millions of women's lives. It is the result of ten years of work and many, many strange circumstances.

Miller utilizes storytelling as a rhetorical device to demonstrate how the issues which affect one individual are representative of a larger world order. The personal is political.

## March Meeting



Our UCSC Women's Club March speaker will be Professor Jon Pearce, Chair of the Computer Science Department at San Jose State University. He lives in Santa Cruz.

The topic of his presentation will be Artificial Societies. Modeling complex systems as artificial societies allows us to study the emergence of conformity, the outbreak of revolutions, the evolution of morality, and the spread of memes. (A **meme** is "an idea, behavior, or style that spreads from person to person within a culture".)

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### Some Reminders

- Guests are welcome at all our general meetings. Bring a friend.
- Nominations for the 2014 Chocoholic may be made from January 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Save your books for Show 'n' Sell at our general meeting on April 2.
- Stephanie Neilsen welcomes input from all of us about club activities. Information and pictures from our fundraisers and interest groups are welcome.

## Interest Groups

Interest Groups attract many women to join the Women's Club. Joining one or several groups is a great way to make new friends.

See the complete list in the calendar that follows.

Here is some information about two of them.

### Country Riders

An invitation from Chris Zemny and Ilene Wilson –

We have formed a new interest group named "Country Riders" and meet on the first and third Mondays of each month. Our goal is to ride bikes in scenic settings, mostly off-road on bike paths. All UCSC Women's Club members are welcome to attend one or all rides. All you need is a love of nature and a bicycle. We range from beginning to advanced riders, so whether you have done a 100 mile ride, or haven't been on a bike in a while, you are welcome to join in. Bikes range from street bikes, to hybrids, to mountain bikes. Any bike will do! We often have lunch together after our rides.

In November, Country Riders rode the Vasona Bike Trail from Campbell to Los Gatos and back, and the Coyote Bike Trail in Morgan Hill.

December rides were the Monterey Bike Path from Cannery Row to Pacific Grove, and the Gizdich Ranch Ride.

If you want to join them, email Chris (rabjudge@sbcglobal.net) or Ilene (mygardensup@aol.com).

## Sew 'n Sews

The Sew 'n Sews have been very busy in 2013. Earlier in the year they made two quilts for disabled veterans, one in reds, the other in blues. They were beautifully quilted by member Peggy Williams.

Lori Green is chairing the annual Pajaro Valley Quilt Association quilt show for 2014, a huge job. To show support, the Sew 'n Sews made a lovely queen size quilt for the auction. All members made gorgeous quilt blocks, and Brenda Cornell went the extra step and pieced it together.



Additionally they are putting together a basket of special fabrics for the show's silent auction. Proceeds from the quilt and basket will support the PVQA guild.

They are currently planning a basket for the Chocolate Festival silent auction.

As always, Lori, Brenda and Sharon Cooper meet twice a month to sew quilts for children in need. The three of them have made dozens of dazzlingly beautiful quilts, all given to local charities.

So as you can see, it really has been a busy year for the Sew 'n Sews.

**UCSC Women's Club Interest Group Calendar**  
**January, February and March 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.

***January 2014***

<b><i>DATE</i></b>	<b><i>INTEREST GROUP</i></b>	<b><i>TIME</i></b>	<b><i>CONTACT</i></b>
9	ADVENTURE CLUB	TBA	Annita Sibert
9	BOOK CLUB 1	7:00	Susan Algert
Closed	BOOK CLUB 2	1:00	
Closed	BOOK CLUB 3	NOON	
Closed	BOOK CLUB 4	7:30-9:00	
20	BOOK CLUB 5	1.00-2.30	Mary Jane Chambers
14	BRIDGE CLUB	12:30	Virginia Law
6,20	COUNTRY RIDERS	10:30	Chris Zemny, Ilene Wilson
7	ENGLISH IN ACTION	1:00	Karin Grobe
2,9,16,23,30	FIAT MUSICA	7:00	Michele Kibrick
13	GARDEN CLUB	11:00-1:00	Marcia Charland, Janet Rymsha
9	HIKING GROUP	9:30-3:00	Laurie Salatich, Louise West
6	LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE	6:00-9:00	Irma Andrews
27	LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE	6:30-9:00	Irma Andrews
17	LUNCH BUNCH	NOON-1:00	Irma Andrews
7,14,21,28	MAH JONG	1:00	Hazel Powell
13	PLAY READING	Times vary	Mary Jane Chambers
7,14,21,28	SEW 'N' SEWS	6:00-9:00	Jo Barbier
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4,11,18,25	MAH JONG	1:00	Hazel Powell
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**Save the date – January 19<sup>th</sup>  
Chocolate Festival at the  
Cocoanut Grove**



**Watch for details about the  
Phantom Tea coming up in March**

