

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

President's Message

With the start of a new school year, our club's motto comes to mind: "Where campus and community come together." As one of the UCSC Friends Groups, we bridge the campus and the Santa Cruz County community. The eager students arriving in Santa Cruz this fall have worked hard to fulfil the dream of attending the University. So as we go about our business on campus or in town and interact with students, let's be supportive and positive about the campus.

As club members, we come together to socialize and have fun while raising funds to help re-entry students, but both the fun and the fundraising take volunteers. I encourage you to complete the survey and tell us how you can help. Many hands make the project easier, quicker . . . and more fun!

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.*

This fall marks the start of our club's 50th anniversary year. In celebration, we will strive to grow our club membership (perhaps by 50 new members?) and expand our efforts in welcoming newcomers. If you are interested in serving on a Hospitality Committee, please sign up at the Fall Gathering or email me at Lsalatich@gmail.com. Watch for news of other special events to mark our 50th!

If you haven't already done so, please renew your membership – for options, see <http://womensclub.ucsc.edu/about/membership/index.html>, and complete the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TVRRWLX>.

I hope to see you at the Fall Gathering at the Arboretum on October 7!

Laurie Salatich, President

General Meetings at the Arboretum

OCTOBER 7 at 11am - Fall Gathering . . . This is the perfect time to invite a friend, colleague, or family member. It is a great opportunity to learn about the club's many Interest Groups. Guests are welcome at meetings throughout the year.

NOVEMBER 4 - The Marine Sanctuary and Our Participation in its Preservation . . .

One of our nation's most spectacular marine protected areas, the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, has been called "The Serengeti of the Sea." The Sanctuary contains one of North America's largest underwater canyons and is

visited by more migrating marine animals than anywhere in the world.

Threatened by oil development, the Santa Cruz community led a grassroots effort that led to the establishment of the Sanctuary in 1992.

Community members continue to protect this place through citizen science monitoring programs throughout the bay.

Chelsea Prindle, MS, Education Specialist for Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary will share what makes the Sanctuary so special and how you can contribute to its preservation.

Save the Date

The NINTH! Santa Cruz Chocolate Festival is scheduled for January 17th from 1-4 PM at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk Cocoanut Grove in Santa Cruz.

The Chocolate Festival is the UCSC Women's Club's largest fundraiser for scholarships that go to deserving re-entry students. Much of the \$20,000 in scholarships we gave last year came from the Chocolate Festival.

Plans are well underway. We have new and returning vendors signing up and the Cocoanut Grove is our venue once again. The day-of help we receive from you and the community is amazing and one of the reasons why vendors want to participate in our event.

But we need some additional help! If you'd like to try your hand in any of these areas, please call or email Ann Berry-Kline at 831-332-4042, aebk@mac.com.

- **Lining up a face painter**, a professional who will donate some or all of the proceeds to the WC.
- **Capacity management** - During the first two hours of the event, several people are needed to ensure we do not over fill the Cocoanut Grove.
- **Chocoholic of the Year award** - Just after January 1, send announcements about taking nominations and a week later send out notice about nominees to collect votes. When voting closes, contact winner to ensure they attend the chocolate festival. Let the winner know when they will be called on stage.
- **Sponsorship** - Call, email, or drop in to local businesses to obtain cash donations or silent auction items. Forms will be ready and available.
- **Silent auction helpers** - Help to obtain items. Forms will be ready and available. . Please email or call Claudia Parrish at cparrish@ucsc.edu or 831-359-9065.

We are looking forward to another super fun and successful event!

And here are the Winners ... The Scholarship Recipients

UCSC Women's Club selected 23 recipients for a total of \$20,000.

Darshani Alahan

Darshani is majoring in sociology and has worked with prospective transfer students to the university. An undergraduate student who, early on, thought she wasn't smart enough to go to college, Darshani is now looking at graduate school. Her scholarship will help her with expenses toward applying to graduate school.

Nicolas Blanc

Emigrating from Argentina as a young teen, Nicolas is now completing a BS in physics. His long-term goal is to complete a PhD and be a science professor so he can inspire young minds. He will use his scholarship to fund his applications to graduate school.

Adam Aharon

Adam is a PhD student in molecular, cellular and developmental biology with an academic focus on understanding the brain. He will use his scholarship to attend a meeting of the Society of Neuroscience in Chicago and toward a laptop computer.

Rachel Baltazar

Rachel is this year's Frances Spodick Drake Memorial Scholarship recipient. She is an undergraduate who, like many re-entry students, did not have a straight path. She has a double major in psychology and feminist studies, and she is using her scholarship to attend relevant research conferences.

Raquel Chavez

Raquel has overcome many obstacles to be at UCSC. She is completing a BA in Film and Digital Media. Raquel sees this degree as an opportunity to learn to create a film to share her experiences with others. One example is a class she took this winter, Focus on Africa. As a result she will attend the World Economic Forum in Cape Town, South Africa. Her scholarship will help her pay travel costs.

Scott Davis

Granted political asylum in the US from Turkey, Scott delayed his dream of higher education. His scholarship will cover the cost of summer school. This will help him make progress toward his BS degree in business management economics so he can work towards a MS in applied economics and finance.

Rebecca Buchanan

Rebecca is in the PhD program in education, working on her dissertation. It focuses on how best to prepare teachers to work with historically marginalized students and communities. She will use her scholarship toward transcription expenses related to her research.

Tonje Switzer

As a single parent and an undergraduate student majoring in sociology, Tonje's goal is to complete a master's in social work to apply toward working with vulnerable children and their families. Currently Tonje is involved with a research and multimedia project about low-income workers in Santa Cruz. "Working for Dignity" includes low-income workers' personal anecdotes through digital storytelling which will be posted on their website. Her scholarship will provide Tonje with a new computer and software to create those digital stories.

Nesho Dimov

Nesho is a remarkable re-entry student. He has overcome medical issues to pursue bachelors' degrees in art and film and digital media. Nesho plans to use his scholarship toward the costs of applying to graduate programs.

Jamison Czarnecki

As an undergraduate environmental studies major, Jamison came from Indiana to UC Santa Cruz because of the university's focus on sustainability. He will use his scholarship toward summer school costs.

Melinda Connors

Melinda is completing a PhD in ocean sciences, studying the ecology of Laysan and black-footed albatrosses which are endangered. She is studying

foraging behavior, diet, and geo-location to understand the link between foraging strategies and future reproductive effort. She wants to become a wildlife or marine biologist. Melinda will use her scholarship for a new laptop to work on her dissertation.

Nate Heller

Nate is on his way to becoming a professor and research scientist. He's working on a double major in cognitive science and computational mathematics, as well as being a research assistant in Professor Nickolas Davidenko's perception lab. He will use his scholarship to pay for summer courses.

Erin Ellison

Erin is in the final stages of her doctoral program in psychology. Her research examines how activists recognize and confront the ways in which they are complicit in, and benefit from, social forces of dominance (racism, sexism, classism) and what they do to change it. Her scholarship will be used to attend a training session to learn data analysis techniques she will use in her dissertation.

Jason Padilla

A veteran of the armed services, Jason is attending UC Santa Cruz to complete a BS in marine biology with a minor in sustainability. He plans to combine these disciplines for a career in conservation. He will use his scholarship for medical expenses for himself and his service dog, Ozzie.

Lisa Hickman

Lisa is a re-entry student as a single parent with three children. She is studying studio art and the history of art and visual culture. She hopes to continue on to a PhD program. Lisa will use her scholarship to pay for summer courses.

Sean Laney

Sean came to UC Santa Cruz for the academic rigor and has added minors in computer science and technology information management to his economics major. He will use his scholarship to fund summer courses. Ultimately Sean plans to start his own high tech company.

James “Nate” Nichols

Nate Nichols is a single father who decided, early on, that the key to a fulfilling life was through education. Nate majors in literature and will use his scholarship toward childcare for his daughter.

Beth Peller

Prior to attending UC Santa Cruz, Beth was already a published journalist and lecturer. She is an undergraduate literature major with a creative writing emphasis, and she is working on a novel as her senior thesis. Her novel is based on the interaction between Mexican immigrants and the Appalachian white working-class tradition. Beth plans to continue publishing her creative work.

Sheeva Sabati

Completing a PhD in education, Sheeva is interested in the intersections between education, research, and social justice. The interdisciplinary nature of her research is informed by her work as a graduate researcher at the Center for Collaborative Research for an Equitable California. Her scholarship will go to fund her participation in two upcoming professional conferences.

Benjamin Dejarnatt

A Marine Corps veteran, Ben is completing an undergraduate degree in earth science. His major includes a field study as a capstone requirement, and his scholarship will help fund the cost of the field study.

Ryan Shook

Ryan is working toward a BA in intensive sociology

with a concentration on global information and social enterprise studies. As part of the project for his major, Ryan will design revenue generating e-waste collection and job training program for a homeless day use facility. His scholarship will assist with the startup costs for his project.

Dena Spatz

Dena Spatz is a PhD student in ecology and evolutionary biology. As an ecologist, her focus is on islands where ecosystems and species are particularly vulnerable to human influence, yet where conservation management can have huge positive impacts. Dena’s scholarship will fund travel to two programs in which she’s been invited to participate: The Darwin Scholar’s Program: Monitoring and Communicating Biodiversity, and the second Seabird Conference.

Ismael Lopez

Ismael is our Robert Leet-Corday Memorial scholarship recipient. He is a first generation college student. He was raised in a remote area where he took two buses two hours one-way to get to his community college. He is completing a double major in business management economics and computer science.

Shadowbrook

There will be more information at our October meeting, but here’s the gist: Dine at Shadowbrook on a date to be announced and mention the Women’s Club, and the club will receive 1/3 of the money you spend.

Interest Groups

Joining one or more Interest Groups is a great way to make new friends. Meeting times and contacts are listed on the next page. But read on to find suggested opportunities for forming new groups. There are also pictures and items of interest from some of the current groups.

UCSC WOMEN'S CLUB INTEREST GROUPS FALL 2015

<http://womensclub.ucsc.edu>

ADVENTURE CLUB

4-6 Outings per year decided by group
Looking for volunteers to organize this group

BIKING GROUP

Local Rides: (10 -15 mi) Every Thursday, 9:00 am
Travel Rides: (13 - 25 mi) Every Monday, 9:00 am
Chris Zemny: rabjudge@sbcglobal.net

BON APPETIT – A gourmet cooking group

4 x per year decided by group
Rusty Bowman: ebowman@ucsc.edu
CLOSED to new members

BOOK CLUB 1

1st Thursday, 7:00 pm
Colleen Page: colleen_page@msn.com

BOOK CLUBS 2 & 3

Are not adding new members so as
to stay at a reasonable size for discussions

BOOK CLUB 4 (Happy Bookers)

2ND Wednesday, 7:30 – 9:00 pm
Eleanor Southers: southers@verizon.net

BOOK CLUB 5

3rd Monday 1:00 – 2:30 pm
Mary Jane Chambers: mjchmbrs@sbcglobal.net

BRIDGE CLUB

2nd Tuesday, 12:30 pm
Virginia Law: veelaw29@gmail.com

ENGLISH IN ACTION

Student meeting times to be arranged
Karin Grobe: kgrobe@wormdoctor.org

FIAT MUSICA CHORAL GROUP

Rehearsals every Thursday, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Michele Kibrick: kibrick@cruzio.com

GARDEN CLUB 1

2ND Monday, 11:00 - 1:00 pm
Cherry Thompson: cherrythompson@gmail.com
Barbara Vorlop: bvorlop@comcast.net
Liaison: Trician Comings: triciansc@mindspring.com

HIKING CLUB

2ND Thursday, 9:30 am, plus 1 optional hike/month
Laurie Salatch: lsalatch@gmail.com

LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE

1ST and 4TH Mondays, 6:30 – 9:00 pm
Irma Andrews: irma_andrews@hotmail.com
Evelyn Prichard: admin@evelynprichard.com

LUNCH BUNCH 1

3RD Friday, Noon
Alice Rink: alicerink@gmail.com

LUNCH BUNCH 2

1ST Friday, Noon
Toni Wagner: tmwagner3@gmail.com

MAH JONGG CLUB 1

Every Tuesday, 1:00 pm
Hazel Powell: hpowellb40@aol.com

MAH JONGG CLUB 2

Every Tuesday, 10am - 12:30 pm
Dorothy Carroll: doneto@sbcglobal.net

PLAY READING

2nd Monday, 1:00 – 3:00/4:00 pm
May Clark: mwc@kestrel-press.com

SEW 'N' SEWS

Every Tuesday, 6:00 pm
Jo Barbier: escalonajo@sbcglobal.net

TRAVEL CLUB

Last Monday, 10:00 - 11:30 am
Rusty Bowman: ebowman@ucsc.edu
CLOSED to new members

WESTSIDE LUNCH CLUB

2nd Wednesday, 12:30 -1:30 pm
Fereshteh Fatemi: ferangelika@mac.com

INTEREST GROUP COORDINATOR

Kerrie McCaffrey: kerrie@cruzio.com

The following is a message from Rusty Bowman, a past Interest Group Coordinator. She is still very involved with Interest Groups.

Overflowing Interest Groups

The UCSC Women's Club has a pleasant problem; several interest groups are too popular! Since I joined the club 8 years ago, I have seen interest groups – *e.g.*, Drama Queens, Yarn Gang, and Westside Walkers – flourish and retire. Others - Book Clubs and Lunch Bunch - have flourished and multiplied, resulting in 5 book clubs and 3 lunch groups on today's list. Now we have 3 more interest groups that are TOO LARGE. Garden Club, the Women's Club interest group with the longest mailing list, has decided to form Garden Club 2.

As group leader of two other impacted clubs, Bon Appétit and Travel Club, I see the problem as twofold. (1) Generally clubs meet in members' homes, and not everyone can host 20 or 30 people. (2) Encouraging participation by everyone depends on having a reasonable number of people – maximally 15 to 20 (or 10 to 12?). Otherwise it's a lecture or show, the audience is passive, and attention wanders. Consequently, we are also deciding to close these two clubs to new members.

There will be a signup sheet for Bon Appétit 2 and Travel Club 2 at the Fall Gathering on October 7, and members of the current clubs will be glad to help new leaders get started. To give you some suggestions, Bon Appétit had four meetings in the last year. In October the men in the group planned the menu and cooked a meat-rich Oktoberfest dinner. In January we had a Sunday brunch and in May an Indian dinner, both meals held in two different homes to accommodate everyone. Our fourth event was a Southern American feast, when new member Dorothy Carroll and her husband Joe hosted 27 of us at their home! Yummy food and camaraderie are keys to the success of Bon Appétit. I encourage you to form a new group with your own ideas.

In **Travel Club** we occasionally invite a guest speaker but most often have members talk about trips they have taken.



The picture shows six members who have shared tales of their travels. May Clark has talked about Panama and a river cruise from Budapest to Amsterdam. Deb de Diego loves cruises; her 21st one was a cruise around Central and South America. Our most adventurous traveler, Jan Noto, regaled us with accounts of travel in Ethiopia and Mali. Lee Taiz has talked about Scandinavia, Brazil and Peru, as well as Portland, Oregon. Rusty Bowman enjoys natural settings, going to Madagascar and Tasmania. Marcia Charland invited guest speakers on Turkey and will soon tell us about vacationing in the Black Hills of South Dakota. And those are the people who just happened to get in the picture. Many others have given inspiring talks too. Perhaps members of the current Travel Club can be invited to give guest lectures at a Travel Club 2.

UCSC Connections

Laurie Salatich has proposed the idea of a new club of special interest to those who are unfamiliar with the UCSC Campus. It would focus on events hosted by the campus such as lectures, music, art and theater. The club leader would watch the UCSC Community Calendar, the Theater Arts and College Calendars for events and notify the group to see if there is interest in attending and carpooling. If this appeals to you, please come to the Fall Gathering at the Arboretum Horticulture Building II on October 7th at 11:00 am to sign up for this and other clubs, or contact Kerrie McCaffrey: kerrie@cruzio.com to be added to the list of those interested in joining.

Biking Group



These bikers rode the Tour de Peninsula in August. It was 20.5 miles long with 791 feet of elevation change. It was a beautiful ride. They had a great time and plan to do it again next year.

They ride on Mondays and Thursdays. On Monday they usually car pool to rides; they have done the Iron Horse Trail, Coyote Creek Trail, Hoot Hollow/Alameda Creek trail, Ft. Ord to Monterey, and many others. Thursday's rides are local and shorter.

Book Groups

There are five book groups. Book Clubs 2 and 3 are not adding new members so they can stay at a reasonable size. Clubs 1, 4 and 5 welcome new members.



Book Club 1 meets on the first Thursday night each month at a member's home. They read both fiction and non-fiction. Recent reads have been *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah and *Stones from the River* by Ursula Hegi.

Book Club 3, the Brown Bag Bibliophiles, or more often called the BBBs, is full but they would like to show you what they've been up to.

Below, they are surrounded by a movie poster of King, a Hollywood dog with fame similar to that of *Rin Tin Tin*, a book which they read recently. The group is posed on Corrine Wipke's porch overlooking Monterey Bay. The BBBs began in November 2003 and have met each month since that time. To add spice to their reading, the group also goes to authors' events and movies based on the books they read.



Book Club 4, the Happy Bookers, meets on the second Wednesday evening. They have some empty spots. They read both fiction and non-fiction – and they get excited about their books . . .



Fiat Musica FOR THE JOY OF SINGING

Do you love to sing? Interested in sharing the joy of music with other women? Now in its ninth year, Fiat Musica, is a women's choir which performs throughout the community, including holiday concerts, two performances for the Women's Club annually and an annual Family and Friends Concert in June.

They sing many styles of music: classical, pop and oldies, folk and world music and Broadway show tunes.

Fiat Musica welcomes new singers. They meet Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. at Dominican Oaks. The best times to join

are October and January. For more information, contact Michele Kibrick at kibrick@cruzio.com or by phone at (831)429-1270, or director Sheila Willey Hannon at sheilakwilley@gmail.com. They look forward to another year of singing, fun, and friendship!

Mah Jongg



Mah Jongg players Marcie Dekking, Loreen Bridges, Joyce Fehn, Helen McKibben, Hazel Powell, Carole Kelly, and Diane Haas enjoy a most satisfying and addictive game.

There are two Mah Jongg groups. They both play every Tuesday, Club 1 in the afternoon, and Club 2 in the morning.

Dorothy Carroll, of Club 2 says: "If you are new to the game, we will teach you. All are welcome. Please come and have fun. If you can't play every week, come when you can." After taking a summer break, Club 2 resumes play October 13, 2015.

Learn to Play Bridge



Above are some of the Learn to Play Bridge players. In fact, many of the group have been playing bridge for years. There are lessons to bring everyone up to date with changes in the game. Come, learn and have fun!

English in Action

English in Action volunteers meet one-on-one with their students to help them practice their English conversation. Below are some photos taken at the Thanksgiving Dinner sponsored by UCSC International Education Program. English in Action members were invited, as well as all the International Students and Scholars at UCSC.



Karin Grobe and Caichung



Maggie Morales and Yingying



Bonnie Breda and Daniel

Play Reading

Be a queen, a ghost, someone's lover. Speak with a Southern drawl or talk with an English inflection. You can be all those characters and use a variety of voices by joining the Play Reading group. They gather at one another's homes and read a variety of plays. Some are humorous, some are serious, some thought provoking; they always have fun acting, emoting and displaying skills to one another. Currently they meet on the second Monday of each month in the afternoon. For more information or to join please contact May Clark at mwc@kestrel-press.com

Lunch Bunch

If you like to eat, try different restaurants, see old friends and make new friends, lunch bunch is for you!!!! Lunch Bunch 1 meets at noon on the third Friday of the month and Lunch Bunch 2 at noon on the first Friday, at different restaurants in Santa Cruz County. Each member is welcome to take a turn choosing a restaurant.

A Passing



Bonita Sebastian was our president for four years. She was very close to her mother. Following are Bonita's memories of her:

Many of you have heard me talk or read my brief articles about my mother, Beatrix (Bee) Sebastian. She was my mentor, my friend, my advisor, and my travel companion on many trips... She was a huge part of my life. Bee died on June 24, 2015 at the age of 101. I miss her and will hold her in my heart forever.

She had a wonderful life and career. She traveled to every continent. She was an Associate Director with the American Association of School Administrators, worked in the Roosevelt White House, was an honorary architect via the American Institute of Architects, and raised three children.

She was born in Washington, D.C. and died in San Francisco, her beloved adopted city.

We extend our sympathy to Bonita.