

President's Message



Happy Fall to our UC Santa Cruz Women's Club members, and friends!

Welcome to the 2019-20 year. I hope everyone had a chance to attend our first meeting of the new year, the Fall Gathering, in October. We got to catch up with friends, meet continuing and new members, and learn more about and perhaps join one or more of our numerous interest groups, one of the most popular reasons people join our club. If you couldn't come, you can learn more about our groups on our [website](#) and elsewhere in this newsletter- we must have something of interest for everyone. And if you have an idea for a group you don't see in that list, start one! Connect with me or another board member if you have an idea.

We are already off to a wonderful start this year with continued company of friendships, shared interests, and service among university and community women.

If you haven't had a chance, please renew your Women's Club membership. Our membership dues cover the club's operational expenses, give members access to the fabulous Interest Groups I mentioned, and help pay for a portion of our Re-entry Student Scholarships.

Finally, as this is my last year as Club President, I plan to focus on fundraising for our Re-entry Student Scholarships. If you have fundraising ideas or experience I'll be asking for your participation in renewing our fundraising efforts.

Since your calendar is open, please also mark the first Wednesday of the month for our meetings at the Arboretum, from 11:30 am – 1 pm.

Claudia Parrish, President

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Chancellor's Holiday Open House
Friday, December 13, 2019
2:30-5 pm

This is your chance to join the rest of the university community in celebrating the holidays with the new chancellor, Cindy Larive! Look for your invitation in your email, and remember to RSVP!

Fiat Musica Winter Concert
Saturday, December 14
3 pm

Mt Calvary Lutheran Church at 2400
Cabrillo College Drive in Soquel.

Free admission (donations accepted).
Reception follows. All are welcome.

Dining at Shadowbrook
Tuesday, March 31, 2020
5 pm

Join your friends to eat at Shadowbrook Restaurant for their Community Tuesday. On March 31, $\frac{1}{3}$ of your expenses at the restaurant will be donated back to the Club whether you eat in the lounge or the dining room!

Intercampus Exchange Day
Wednesday, April 1, 2020
9 am- 3 pm

This is an annual spring event attended by groups similar to the UCSC Women's Club at the northern UC campuses. This year UC Berkeley will be our host. See page 6 for information about last year's Intercampus Gathering at UCSC.

More information about signing up will be available in the new year.

Music with Amy Hanaiali'i
Saturday, May 16

Fundraising concert at the Rio Theater with Hawaiian songstress Amy Hanaiali'i. Check out her heavenly music at amyhawaii.com.



Re-entry Scholarships



2019 Scholarship Recipients

The 2019 scholarship luncheon was held at the La Feliz Room of the Seymour Center. Guests enjoyed the coastal view with a nice lunch, and they liked meeting the scholarship recipients who joined us and gave thanks for their awards. It's always amazing to learn about the students' backgrounds, motivations for education, and long-term goals.

With this year's awards, the Women's Club has awarded **481** scholarships for a total of **\$393,282** in the past 40 years. Scholarship monies given to students come from two sources: money raised directly to be awarded for scholarships and money that is interest income from our endowment. You may donate to either or both!

If you didn't have an opportunity to join us, or you'd simply like to be reminded of the significance of your donations, please go to <https://womensclub.ucsc.edu/scholarships/recipients/recipients-20182019.html> and read about this year's recipients.

Fundraising Update

Our scholarships are awarded because of your generous donations to the Women's Club Scholarship Fund or the Rita Olsen Pister Scholarship Endowment. While you may make donations directly to one of the funds through opportunities such as Giving Day, you also contribute throughout the year with your participation in Community Night at the Shadowbrook or other fundraising opportunities.

The Club awarded \$30,000 in scholarships in spring 2019 from your generous donations. If you wish to make a tax deductible donation before the end of the current tax year, it is easy to do so on our website, womensclub.ucsc.edu, or write a check addressed to UCSC Foundation, and indicate whether you wish the funds to be deposited to the Women's Club Scholarship Fund (immediate use) or the Rita Olsen Pister Scholarship Endowment (investment for continuing use). The University will send you a receipt for tax purposes. On behalf of our scholarship recipients, thank you for your support!

Interest Group News

Financial Interest Group

The Financial Interest Group enlightens the members' experiences and understanding about a variety of topics of the members' choosing. Examples are trust and estate planning, life insurance and annuity strategies to benefit your financial plans, real estate trends, and long-term care. They also consider behavioral finance, exploring your personal beliefs and relationship with money. Sometimes topic experts present, in other cases the group leader, Jane McKenzie, leads the discussion. They have 7 to 8 meetings per year with the summer off. Most important, the group has agreed to maintain the confidentiality of members' questions and personal stories due to the nature of the topics.

Garden Club

While the Garden Club may take a tour of a member's garden, catch up with friends, eat a lovely lunch, chat some more, and maybe share a favorite plant, one recent meeting was a field trip to the Homeless Garden Project coordinated by member Maggie Smith. Another meeting was at member Nancy Eder's house with a tour of her garden and a short talk about plants by her daughter, Nicole Douglas, a landscaper.



A few Garden Club members gathering.

Brown Bag Bibliophiles



Pictured are Cynthia Noble-Vescky on left and Bonita Sebastian on right.

One of the Women's Club book groups, the Brown Bag Bibliophiles (BBBs), read *The Kurdish Bike* earlier in the year. The book is based on the real life experiences of the author, Alesa Lightbourne, in Kurdistan (in northern Iraq), teaching and riding a bike to get to know some of the locals.

Alesa joined the group and gave a wonderful presentation that included slides of the people she met, their homes, and the community. She explained the locals' dress, and she shared with us two outfits she had made for herself while she was in Kurdistan.

The photo, above, shows two BBB members, Cynthia Noble-Vescky and Bonita Sebastian, modeling Alesa's outfits. The group was surprised at the several layers of clothing in each outfit. Nice look, ladies!

UCSC Women's Club Intercampus Gathering

One day last spring, our Club hosted the annual meeting of the northern California Women's Clubs--or their peers--from the other UCs. The focus of the meeting was on women leaders in higher education, and we are fortunate to have wonderful women leaders on our campus who agreed to participate.



Panel from left to right: Elizabeth Abrams, Marlene Tromp, Lori Kletzer, and Katharyne Mitchell.

Attendees began arriving as early as 8:30 am to enjoy a continental breakfast at the Merrill Event Center on campus. Proper prior planning provided guests the opportunity to park near the Event Center, as the gathering was held during quarter break.

In the morning, guests were welcomed by then Executive Vice-Chancellor Marlene Tromp, and EVC Tromp stayed to participate in a panel discussion with Merrill College Provost Elizabeth Abrams, Acting Graduate Division Dean Lori Kletzer, and Social Sciences Division Dean Katharyne Mitchell. The panel was moderated by Chief Campus Counsel Lorena Penaloza.

The lively and insightful discussion of the roles, contributions, and influence of women leaders on the campus community is available for viewing at ["Women Leaders in Higher Education: Moving the Needle."](#)

After a break, we had an informative presentation from Oakes College Provost and psychology professor Regina Langhout on her research on the effects of deportation and family separation on immigrants.

In the afternoon, guests were invited to choose a tour of the campus, the Seymour Center or the Arboretum before making their way home.



Guests enjoy lunch while having an opportunity to get to know one another.

**UCSC WOMEN'S CLUB
2019-20 BOARD MEMBERS**

Officers

President - Claudia Parrish

Co-1st Vice President - Corinne Miller, Virginia Rivera

2nd Vice President - Kathy Rouhier

Secretary/Sunshine - Clare-Marie Karat

Treasurer - Lesa Stollenwerk

Coordinators

Food - Jan Corriden

Fundraising - Yamindira Kanagasundaram

Data/Communication/Membership - Clea Hermanson

Interest Groups -

Publicity - Colleen Page

Scholarship - Gloria Williams (lead), Laurie Salatich (understudy)

Newsletter - Sally Lester

Website - Hazel Powell, Sally Lester (apprentice)

Members-at-Large

Andrea Cohen (Floater)

Laurie Salatich (Floater)

Sara Radoff – (STARS Representative)

Staff Liaison, Interim

Clea Hermanson



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 friendship 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 raise money for scholarships for UCSC re-entry students.

UCSC WOMEN'S CLUB INTEREST GROUPS 2019/2020

womensclub.ucsc.edu

BON APPETIT – A gourmet cooking group

Rusty Bowman: ebowman@ucsc.edu

CLOSED to New Members - Waiting List Available

BOOK CLUB 2

3rd Thursday, 1:00 pm

Alberta Nidever: 688-8931

CLOSED to New Members

BOOK CLUB 3 (BBBs)

2nd Wednesday, Noon

Cynthia Noble-Vesecky: cynoble@yahoo.com

CLOSED to New Members

BOOK CLUB 4 (Happy Bookers)

2nd Wednesday, 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Eleanor Southers: southers@verizon.net

NEW MEMBERS WANTED

BOOK CLUB 5

3rd Monday 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Mary Jane Chambers: mjchmbrs@sbcglobal.net

NEW MEMBERS WANTED

BRIDGE CLUB

2nd Tuesday, 12:30 pm

Evelyn Prichard: admin@evelynprichard.com

CRAFTING CLAN

Crafting for Women's Club monthly luncheons

3rd or 4th Thursday, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Sharon Cooper: coop2612@sbcglobal.net

Marge Gregory: gregoryaptos@att.net

ENGLISH IN ACTION

Student Meeting Times To Be Arranged

Karin Grobe: kgrobe@wormdoctor.org

NEW MEMBERS WANTED

EXCURSIONS CLUB

Monthly Outings chosen by members

Clare-Marie Karat: cmkarat@gmail.com

FIAT MUSICA CHORAL GROUP

Rehearsals every Thursday, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Michele Kibrick: kibrick@cruzio.com

FINANCIAL PLANNING

Meeting Time to be announced

Jane McKenzie: jmckenzie@protectedinvestors.com

Virginia Rivera, Liaison to UCSC: vvrivera@ucsc.edu

GARDEN CLUB 1

2nd Monday, 11:00 - 1:00 pm

Cherry Thompson: cherrythompson@gmail.com

Liaison: Trician Comings: triciansc@mindspring.com

CLOSED to New Members

HIKING CLUB

2nd Thursday, 9:30 am

Laurie Salatich: lsalatich@gmail.com

LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE

Weekly Mondays, 6:30 – 9:00 pm

Lessons 1st & 4th Mondays 6:30 with game to follow

Irma Andrews: irma_andrews@hotmail.com

Evelyn Prichard: admin@evelynprichard.com

LUNCH BUNCH 1

3rd Friday, 11:30

Alice Rink: alicerink@gmail.com

LUNCH BUNCH 2

1st Friday, 11:30

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

CLOSED to new Members

SEW 'N' SEWS

Every Wednesday, 10:00 am

Jo Barbier escalonajo1@gmail.com

CLOSED to New Members

TRAVEL CLUB

Last Monday, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Rusty Bowman: ebowman@ucsc.edu

CLOSED to New Members - Waiting List Available

UCSC EVENTS

Monthly Outings: Campus Events chosen by members

Kerrie McCaffrey: kerrie@cruzio.com

NEW MEMBERS & COORDINATOR WANTED

VOLUNTEERS IN MOTION (VIM)

Promotes children's well-being, coordinating efforts with

Jacob's Heart and CASA

4th Monday

Corinne Miller: corky@ucsc.edu

NEW MEMBERS WANTED

WESTSIDE LUNCH CLUB

2nd Wednesday, 12:30-1:30 pm

Rusty Bowman: ebowman@ucsc.edu