Message from the President

Spring brings a variety of events to our club and I hope you will participate in as many as possible. The Phantom Tea and Human Race are fundraising opportunities for our scholarship fund. The Intercampus Gathering on March 26 is a chance to show off our campus and socialize with our colleagues from Berkeley, Davis and Merced. The Spring Luncheon on May 6 is our annual opportunity to meet our scholarship recipients and hear about their academic and career goals. It’s always a heartwarming event! And, we have one more general meeting, on April 1, with speaker Victoria Kastner, Hearst Castle Historian.

I want to thank everyone who helped make the 8th Annual Chocolate Festival on January 18 a huge success. Participating in club events not only contributes to our worthy cause, but it also promotes friendship and camaraderie among members, an intangible but very important benefit to our membership. And we have fun!

Another way you can participate and contribute more fully to the club is to join the board. We are always open to new members and new ideas. If you are interested, please contact me or one of the other board members and ask about visiting one of our upcoming board meetings.

Watch for an email with a brief survey about the club. I encourage you to take part in the survey.

Thank you to all who participated in making the 2014-15 academic year a success for the Women’s Club! I’m looking forward to serving as your president again next year.

Sincerely,
Laurie Salatich

We have several new members. We extend a warm welcome to Judy Orback, Yasmine Nadel, Linda Martin, Cecile Preble and Annette Whelan.

Don’t miss the news on page 3 about lifetime memberships in the Women’s Club.

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.
Hearst Ranch: Family, Land, and Legacy
April 1, 2015 11:30 AM – 1 PM at the UCSC Arboretum

The speaker at our April meeting will be Victoria Kastner, the historian at Hearst Castle, where she has worked for more than thirty years. She has a master’s degree in public history with emphasis on architectural history from UC Santa Barbara and a master’s degree in museum management from George Washington University.


She is the co-author of The Beverly Hills Hotel: The First 100 Years and has written for many publications.

Ms. Kastner has lectured widely, including at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Fine Arts Boston, the Los Angeles County Museum of Modern Art, and the de Young Museum. She has also been interviewed on the Today Show, CBS This Morning, NPR, and Australian National Radio.

“Spring Sunshine and Stellar Student Scholars” Scholarship Luncheon - May 6, 2015

Every May, members of the UCSC Women’s Club have the opportunity to attend a luncheon celebration where we 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.

Here are the details:
Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2015
Time: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Place: Hollins House - Pasatiempo Golf Club, 20 Clubhouse Road, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 (831) 459-9177
Cost: $35 - Checks to be made payable to the Regents of the University of California, and sent to Bonita Sebastian.

Registration forms are on the Women’s Club web site:
http://womensclub.ucsc.edu/images/INVITATIONspringluncheon.pdf

Nicole Douglas, an environmental scientist and landscape architect was the speaker at our February meeting. Here she is with her mother, Nancy Eder, who had the pleasure of conducting the meeting and introducing Nicole.

Team members for the Women’s Club Board of Directors
Schedule: 2-3 hours per month with occasional overtime

No experience required
If interested, email Lsalatich@gmail.com
Lifetime Membership Option

We have good news for club members. The Board has approved a membership option that allows new and renewing club members to purchase a Lifetime Membership for the one-time cost of $300. If members choose this option, they no longer have to renew their membership annually. “Did I pay my dues this year?”

It’s an especially good deal for those youngsters amongst us. This Lifetime Membership option will become available beginning July 1, 2015. I’ll race you to the website (beginning in July, of course)!

Jan Corriden and Marcie Dekking welcome members and guests at a general meeting. Guests are welcome at all of our general meetings. Bring a friend.

Other Spring Events

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 promoting 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, and 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!!

Here are some of last year’s participants. Note they were all Chocolate Festival volunteers!
The Phantom Tea

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.

A Note from Bonita Sebastian-

Thanks to all the wonderful friends who have been helping and continue to assist me during my recuperation from Total Knee Replacement. I could not have done it without your support. You are my village!

The Chocolate Festival

Chocolate lovers had a wonderful time at the 8th annual Santa Cruz Chocolate Festival on January 18th, 2015!!! We estimate we had roughly 2000 patrons come to the event!

There were several great experiences: the Chocolate Alchemy 101 workshop was a hit; the blind tasting competition was fun and truly a great experience. Local judges enjoyed tasting and scoring. Vendors had a wonderful time interacting with patrons, handing out samples and selling their products. Many thanks to all of you that volunteered your time to help with this great event!

We were all winners, but here is a list of official winners:

The 2015 Chocoholic of the Year is Georgia Jensen!

WINNERS of the Blind Tasting Contest:

- Best in Show - ASHBY CONFECTIONS with a raspberry truffle
- Best Truffle - Ashby Confections
- Best Baked Chocolate Dessert - Monterey Chocolate Company
- Best Toffee - Toffee By The Sea
- Best Use of Chocolate In A Savory Dish - Dove Discoveries
- Best Beverage With Chocolate - Dove Discoveries
- Best Caramel - Ashby Confections
- Most Unique Use Of Chocolate - Ashby Confections
- Most Healthy Use Of Chocolate - Endorfin Chocolat

FAVORITES voted by our patrons:

- Best Vendor was Cowboy Toffee Company
- Most Fun Vendor was Goose’s Goodies
- Favorite Vendor was a two-way tie--Goose’s Goodies and Buttercup Cupcake & Farm House Frosting.

Besides all the fun we had, the UCSC Women’s Club raised approximately $18,000 for scholarships for deserving UCSC re-entry students! The silent auction brought in approximately $4,100.
Campus News

On January 5, 2015, UC Santa Cruz began a yearlong celebration of its trailblazing history and groundbreaking impact on the world. This is a place like no other. It was imagined from the minds of original thinkers—the rebels and visionaries, artists, scientists, and poets who had the courage to strike off on a different path in search of ideas that question norms in hopes of making the world a better place.

50years.ucsc.edu has a robust list of exciting events, images, and stories. There will be two anchor weekends: Alumni Weekend (April 23-26) and the culminating 50th event, Founders Celebration Weekend (September 25-27.) If you or your friends need a reason to come back to campus, the 50th is a great one. This is a time to celebrate all that has been accomplished in 50 years and to prepare for what will happen in the next 50.

Fiscal Year 2014 was the university’s most successful fundraising year ever. Private financial commitments to UC Santa Cruz for the fiscal year ended June 30 topped $50 million for the first time. The record sum came in the same year UC Santa Cruz publicly launched its comprehensive fundraising campaign to add essential resources dedicated to key initiatives supporting the student experience, coastal sustainability, data sciences, the Institute of the Arts and Sciences, and the UC Santa Cruz Genomics Institute.

The campus is also experiencing growth in the graduate program, a notable increase in nonresident student enrollment.

A free workshop ‘To Help You Make the Most of Your Giving’, co-presented by UC Santa Cruz Office of Gift Planning and Community Foundation Santa Cruz County, will be offered on May 14th from 10:00 to 11:30. It will offer financial strategies on how you can cover your needs and also provide for our community. For more information call Virginia Rivera at 831-459-5227.

If you discover that we have erroneous information for you (outdated or incorrect address, phone, or email), please send an email to Marcie Dekking at marcied@cruzio.com. We will make the changes as soon as possible.

Women’s Club members provide the yummy savory and sweet food at our general meetings. Sign up for one meeting during the year. It must be finger food – no utensils needed! Then come to the meeting and enjoy the food!

Interest Group Activities

Interest Group Co-ordinators: Kerrie McKaffrey: kerrie@cruzio.com
                       Rusty Bowman: ebowman@ucsc.edu

Readers Wanted
The Happy Bookers (also known as Book Group 4) have recently lost a few members. If you are free on the second Wednesday evening of the month, and you like to read fiction and non-fiction, you are invited to join this happy group.

There are two new groups:
Lunch Bunch 2
1ST FRIDAY 12:00 NOON, LOCATIONS VARY

This group meets at a different restaurant each month. Each member takes a turn choosing her
favorite place to dine and makes arrangements with the restaurant. These lunches are a great place to meet new friends and see familiar faces.

Contact: Toni Wagner tmwagner3@gmail.com

**Mid-County Walkers**

**1ST & 3RD MONDAYS, 3:00 PM RIO DEL MAR BEACH**

Contact: Pam Johansen scharfx2@pacbell.net or Beatrice Barbakow bbarjac@gmail.com

**2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAYS, 10:00 AM - APTOS, SOQUEL, SEASCAPE LOCATIONS**

Contact: Nancy Lenox nancylenox@cruzio.com or Pilar Kopecky jkplr1967@cruzio.com

These two walking groups will vary in duration and intensity. Monday walkers will walk 60+ minutes on flat sidewalk at Rio Del Mar Beach. You can join the Monday group to walk part-way or the entire walk. The Wednesday walkers will walk 60+ minutes on walking trails and mixed surfaces in Aptos, Soquel, & Seascape.

And two almost new groups:

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<td>Dorothy Carroll enjoys the challenge of Mah Jongg and enjoys sharing her enthusiasm of the game with others. Here is her invitation: I invite you to join me at my home in Watsonville to play/learn this fascinating game...every time you play there’s something new and something learned...and all for fun! Please contact me to join our <a href="mailto:group...doneto@sbcglobal.net">group...doneto@sbcglobal.net</a> or 831.768.8268. All are welcome - we meet Tuesdays from 10 am until 12:30 pm.</td>
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<td>The Garden Club is certainly not new. It has been an active group for many years. The group meets at the homes of members where they see some beautiful gardens and share their gardening ideas.</td>
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Some Mid-County Walkers met in February to set up dates & times for walks.
ADVENTURE CLUB
4-6 Outings per year decided by group
Mary Ann Hobbs: mhobbs8854@sbcglobal.net
Lori Green: kssncslnq@sbcglobal.net

BIKING GROUP
Local Rides: Every Thursday, 9:00 am
Out of Area Rides: 1st and 3rd Mondays, 9:00 am
Chris Zemny: rabjudge@sbcglobal.net
Ileen Wilson: mygardensup@aol.com
Lorraine Margon: lorraine21@earthlink.net

BON APPETIT – A gourmet cooking group
4 x per year decided by group
Rusty Bowman: ebowman@ucsc.edu

BOOK CLUB 1
2nd 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
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: veelaw2@pacbell.net

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
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
Laurie Salatch: lsalatch@gmail.com
Louise West: lwestlcsw@comcast.net

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

MID-COUNTY WALKERS
1st & 3rd Mondays, 3:00 pm
Beatrice Barbakow: bbarjac@gmail.com
2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 10:00 am
Nancy Lenox: nancylenox@cruzio.com

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

WESTSIDE LUNCH CLUB
2nd Wednesday, 12:30-1:30 pm
Fereshteh Fatemi: ferangelika@me.com

WEST SIDE WALKERS
Every Monday 3:00 pm
Rusty Bowman: ebowman@ucsc.edu