



## **President's Message**

As spring arrives, we find ourselves living in unprecedented times. I, along with you, neighbors across the state, nation, and the world, am sheltering in place, being a responsible community member, working to 'flatten the curve' of the spread of this virus, which is still growing like wildfire across the globe. We've never lived in a pandemic, and indeed the term sounds like something only read in history books, an unlikely event that we thought we'd never experience ourselves. But here we are. Many businesses are closed and nearly all activities are cancelled or postponed. Schools are closed or conducting classes remotely - our son will take spring quarter courses at UCLA from his bedroom.

The Women's Club has had to cancel the year's final gatherings: the April 1 General

Meeting, Interest Group meetings, the fund-raisers at the Shadowbrook and concert at the Rio, and the Spring Luncheon. While we won't be able to meet our scholarship recipients in person this year, applications will be reviewed on-line and scholarships will be awarded. We will certainly announce our scholarship recipients and discussions are underway to find a way for us to "meet" them.

Our scholarships are now more important than ever. Even though UCSC has moved entirely to remote learning through spring quarter, students must

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still pay for tuition, books, rent, childcare, and perhaps require even more advanced technology in order to fulfill course requirements remotely. The loss in revenue from the cancellation of our fundraisers could seriously impede our ability to award scholarships. We are asking for direct donations to the scholarship fund, in lieu of what you would have spent at our fundraisers.

While the club isn't gathering for our final meetings of the year, the Board is still meeting, remotely, so when we do resume our daily activities, we'll be ready to move ahead. We are working to fill upcoming board vacancies, and will determine a method for the general membership to approve a new slate of board members in the coming weeks. Thanks to those who stepped forward to serve on the Board for the next term and if anyone is considering it, there are still opportunities to join us.

In the midst of all the disruption, I do see silver linings everywhere. The rules for sheltering in place don't preclude us from getting outside, while practicing social distancing, of course! We know how fortunate we are to live in a place we can get out for walks or work in our gardens. This is also a good time to see what's in the back of those drawers and closets - today I excavated two shelves and filled a

bag with travel size toiletries for donation to the homeless shelter. We can become more technologically savvy by learning new online communication applications. I am especially heartened by the scenes of people standing on their balconies, singing or working out together, as well as many other random acts of kindness. Tough times do bring out the best in people and communities.

We also want to be sure all our members are maintaining their health and wellbeing during this isolating time. If anyone is in need of help with grocery shopping or filling prescriptions, please reach out. Perhaps we can also share book lists. Until we see each other again, please take care of yourselves, and reach out to one another.

In health,  
Claudia Parrish  
President



## ***Postponed or Cancelled Programs***

### ***Dining at Shadowbrook***

Our annual opportunity to join our friends to eat at Shadowbrook Restaurant for their Community Tuesday has been cancelled. Please consider donating an equivalent amount to our scholarships in lieu of sharing a meal.

### ***Intercampus Exchange Day***

Each spring one of the groups similar to the UCSC Women's Club (northern UC campuses) hosts a program highlighting their campus. We'll have to wait until next year for our visit because this year's has been cancelled.

### ***Music with Amy Hanaiali'i***

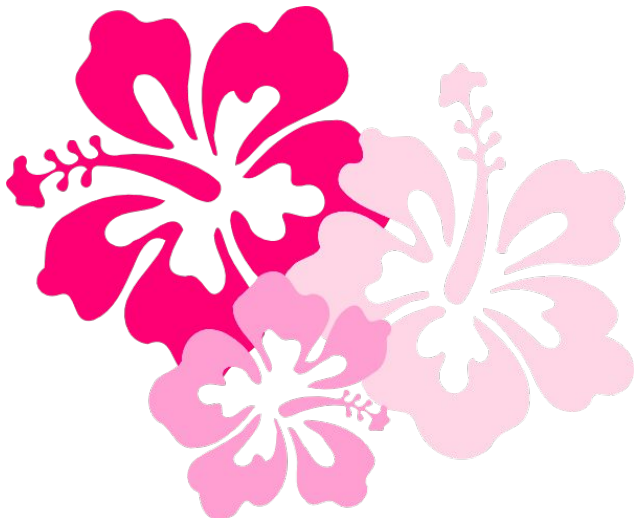
Our major fundraiser for the year, concert at the Rio Theater with Hawaiian songstress Amy Hanaiali'i, has been postponed. Until you have the chance to see her, check out her heavenly music at [amyhawaii.com](http://amyhawaii.com).

## ***Fundraising and Scholarship 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 and other fundraising opportunities.

Scholarship money that the club awards comes from funds raised the prior year. We've held few fundraising activities this year, so it's important we donate now for scholarships awarded next year. If you wish to make a tax deductible donation, it is easy to do so on our website, [womensclub.ucsc.edu](http://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

### Hiking Group

On a beautiful day of clear blue skies in February, the Hiking Group enjoyed a trek at Elkhorn Slough. The photo below shows the group climbing the hill at the end of the hike.

After that climb, they were all ready for a luscious lunch at Phil's Fish Market and Eatery in nearby Moss Landing.



### Sew 'n Sews



*Carol and Laurie enjoying a moment*

When interest groups resume meeting in person, the Sew 'n Sews will enjoy their gatherings as they did in the photos below. If you would like to participate in the Sew 'n Sews, the current contact person is Sharon Cooper who can be reached at [coop2612@sbcglobal.net](mailto:coop2612@sbcglobal.net).



*Mary and Marge share a snack.*

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

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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.