

### President's Message

Claudia Parrish



#### Ah Spring-

As I write, I look out my window at the purple Iris, Calla Lilies and other signs of spring blooming in a reluctant gardener's yard. The late season rains

are welcome in what began as another very dry year, though, as the rainy season winds down, we still need to be conscious of our water consumption. I'm reminded of the useful information I learned a couple of years ago during a Women's Club presentation on drought tolerant landscaping.

I still find our general monthly meetings one of the most rewarding aspects of belonging to our club. This year new Deans Susan Solt (Arts Division) and Katharyne Mitchell (Social Sciences Division) shared insights into their backgrounds and perspectives on the visions they bring to campus leadership. Daniel Press, venerable professor of Environmental Studies and Director of the Center of Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems, talked to us about the UCSC Farm, an early and continuing leader in organic farming methods. We were also treated to wonderful talks by leaders in the community including Julie James, Artistic Director and founder of Santa Cruz' Jewel Theater. She shared the journey of the beginnings of a small local theater company to a well-established professional regional theater company, producing

an eclectic array of familiar and lesser known plays throughout the season. And rounding out our monthly meetings we heard from UCSC alumna and new CEO, Community Foundation, Santa Cruz County, Susan True. All in all, it was a fascinating group of speakers showcasing the best of the best on both the UCSC campus and from the community, and I feel lucky that they are willing to share their time with us.

Our many varied interest groups continue to also provide many of our members a wide range of activities to enjoy together. Besides groups in Mah Jongg and Bridge, book clubs, travel, gardening, hiking and quilting groups, I have personally enjoyed excursions to the Steinbeck Center and several lunches at excellent restaurants around the county, including most recently, the Pino Alto at Cabrillo College, which I heartily recommend! I have especially enjoyed getting to know some of our members in a more intimate setting. I can't wait to

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see what new places we may explore or where we'll eat next year!

Just a few weeks ago I joined several of our members at the annual intercampus gathering hosted by the University Farm Circle at our sister campus in Davis. We enjoyed presentations from fascinating speakers in the morning, and toured wonderful spaces in the afternoon. Next spring it will be our club's turn to host the Northern California campuses' gathering and look forward showcasing UCSC's many accomplished and interesting people and activities. If you'd like to join the planning committee for this event, please contact me.

We enjoyed the beautiful spring weather on the deck at Michael's on Main for the annual Spring Scholarship Luncheon, our final meeting of the year. We had the honor of meeting a few of our scholarship recipients who shared their inspiring stories of perseverance in achieving their higher education goals. Most will become leaders and innovators in community service, public health, education and other fields. I feel proud that we can assist them in their endeavors.

This year we continued to participate in local fundraising activities for our re-entry scholarships, including Community Night at the Shadowbrook in December, campus Giving Day in March, our own members' book sale, and most recently, the Human Race. We still look forward to developing new ways to engage the club and community in raising funds to aid many deserving re-entry students as they pursue their goals.

It has been a pleasure to get to know many more club members this year, and a privilege to work again, with such a wonderful group of women who serve on our board. They all contribute much to bringing interesting and fun programs and activities to our members. I so appreciate their efforts. At the Spring Luncheon, the club elected a new slate of board members, some continuing and some new, who will serve for the next two years, and I have agreed to stay on for another term as President. I look forward to continuing to work with these smart, energetic women to make our club a fun, interesting

and meaningful space for women from both the campus and community.

I look forward to seeing you all again at our Fall Festival on October 3, 2018 as we launch another wonderful year for the UC Santa Cruz Women's Club.

Gratefully,  
**Claudia Parrish, President**

### ***Upcoming Events and Programs***

#### ***Fall 2018***

**October 3 - Fall Gathering,**  
**Nov 7, 2018**  
**Jan 9, 2019**  
**Feb 6, 2019**  
**Mar 6, 2019**  
**April 3, 2019**  
**May 1, 2019 - Spring Luncheon**

#### ***Special Meetings and Events***

**Fall Gathering - October 3, 2018**  
**Intercampus Gathering - March 28, 2019**  
**Spring Luncheon - May 1, 2019**

#### ***Fall Gathering***

Come meet old friends and make new friends at the annual UCSC Women's Club Fall Gathering. It will be held at the UCSC Arboretum from 11 am to 1 pm on Wednesday, October 3. It begins early to give people a chance to learn about and sign up for a myriad of Interest Groups, including a new group just getting off the ground that will focus on local community volunteer opportunities. We'll also be treated to a performance by Fiat Musica, a Women's Club Interest Group, and hear about some of the club's upcoming programs before enjoying a light lunch provided by the club's board members. <https://womensclub.ucsc.edu/index.html>



### *Scholarship Thank You Note*

**To the gracious members of the UCSC Women's Club,**

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for the award of this scholarship. The feeling that a stranger could believe in me enough to invest in my success is so powerful, it goes well beyond the monetary value of the scholarship. That being said, it is very hard to succeed in university life while supporting a family, and this scholarship represents an opportunity I would not otherwise have had. Something as simple as having a laptop will make a huge difference in my ability to take advantage of research opportunities, and I am already dreaming about using it for my research and homework.

It is strange that it is others' faith in us that allows us to develop faith in ourselves, but it is true. I have worked very hard to progress to the point I am at today, but it was the faith of my family and friends which allowed me to start the path in spite of how scary it seemed, and it is the faith of those I meet along the way that sustains me.

Thank you very much for your faith, and I hope to duly justify your investment in me.

Yours humbly,  
*Brendan Chapman*  
*Undergrad, Earth Sciences*

### *Leaving a Legacy*

Bonita Sebastian is a UC Santa Cruz retiree and past president of the UCSC Women's Club. She wanted to make a gift that provided her with an

income and charitable deduction while allowing her to leave a legacy to the Women's Club Scholarship for Re-Entry Students. A Charitable Gift Annuity made it possible. Could it work for you?

Please let us know if the University is part of your will or trust so we can ensure that your future donation is honored, and your legacy lives on, in the precise manner you wish. All you have to do is tell us!

**LET US KNOW**

Drop us a line today at [gift.planning@ucsc.edu](mailto:gift.planning@ucsc.edu) or give us a call at (831) 459-1045.



*Bonita Sebastian*

### *UCSC Women's Club Interest Groups*

*Kerrie McCaffrey*

Some of the rewards of belonging to the UCSC Women's Club are the social connections you make while sharing the interests and activities you enjoy. If you are interested in joining others for lunch, gaining financial planning tools, sharing your love of reading, singing, mah jongg, bridge, hiking, tutoring English, or you would like to volunteer to help out at special events that focus on children, don't be shy, sign up for one or more of our Interest Groups. Our clubs are a great way to test out new activities, and to engage with old friends while meeting new ones.

I'm hoping to re-activate the UCSC Events Club: Attending campus performances, lectures, and exhibits together. We haven't had a leader but



hopefully we can attend some events together anyway.

Sign up to join any of our clubs at the Fall Gathering Interest Group Fair and luncheon on October 3, at 11:00 am at the Arboretum. Club members will be available to answer your questions about their club's activities. You can view a complete list of our clubs on the last page of this Newsletter or you can check us out on our website:

<http://womensclub.ucsc.edu/activities/interest-groups/index.html>

The following is a partial summary of some of the clubs and what they have been doing.

### Book Club 1

Book Club 1 meets at 11:00am on the second Friday of each month. We enjoy reading non-fiction, and especially historic fiction books. Our favorites this season were *Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver and *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. Spy fiction, *Exposure*, by Helen Dunmore was a suspenseful diversion. We gained historic and sociological insights about the Jim Crow South and African American migrations in our reading and discussions of *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson.



Book Club 1: Back row from left: Sally Lemee, Colleen Page, Sandie Swanson Front row: Joan Genovese, Paula Pambianco, Catherine Masi

### Book 3 Club Reads and Visits Monterey Bay

Book Club 3, also known as the BBBs or Brown Bag Bibliophiles, recently read the book, *Monterey Bay* by Lindsay Hatton. We enjoyed the book and decided that because it was so close, we would visit the area to learn more.



Book Club 3: From bottom left: Irma Andrews, Dorothea Ditchfield, Bonita Sebastian, Cynthia Noble-Vesecky, Lorraine Margon, Ellen Kimmel, and Sally Lester.

Alternating between past and present, *Monterey Bay* explores histories both imagined and actual to create an unforgettable portrait of an exceptional woman, a world-famous aquarium, and the beloved town they both call home. A lot of the book focuses on Ed Ricketts, a famous biologist, ecologist, and bohemian friend of John Steinbeck. Ed Ricketts was featured as Doc in Steinbeck's novel, *Cannery Row* and in other books.

In 1923, Ed Ricketts and his business partner Albert Galigher started Pacific Biological Laboratories (PBL), a marine biology supply house. Doc Ricketts' lab still exists in Monterey- close to the aquarium- the creation and building of which is also featured in *Monterey Bay*. The lab is open for visitors on one Saturday per month.

Visiting the site really brought the book to life. It enabled us to visualize the lab and old Monterey Bay during those early years. Our guide was excellent and had many old photographs and tales of the life of this building, the folks involved, and especially the early times in the area.

## Excursions Club Update!

In 2018 the UCSC Women's Club decided to merge the Adventure Club and Garden Club II, and we've named the new combined club the *Excursions Club*. We've had a wonderful first year of excursions! We visited the Steinbeck Center and had lunch in the Steinbeck home. We toured the Winchester Mystery House and had lunch together afterwards on Santana Row. We went to the home and gardens at Filoli and had lunch at a local favorite in the area. Now we have upcoming excursions in the Spring and Fall to the Carmel Valley Flower Show and a tour Under the Boardwalk in Santa Cruz. One or two members get together and arrange an event, and Alice and I take care of getting the event information out to the larger group.

Usually, between 6 to 15 people decide to take part in each event. I've attached a picture from the Filoli Gardens tour of the gardens in April with Alice, Trician, Amber, Sandra, Lesley, Carolyn and others in the garden at the estate. We enjoyed that excursion so much that we are going to go again next year, but we'll select a different month so we see other plants and trees in bloom. Please join us and let's hear your ideas for outings!

All the best, Clare-Marie



Excursion club outing to Filoli Gardens

## Fiat Musica

Fiat Musica, the Women's Club's Chorus, directed by Sheila Willey, UCSC Lecturer in Music, is actually one of our club's interest groups. We are treated to their sweet sounds at our Fall and Spring

meetings. If you enjoy singing, consider lending your voice to the group! Contact Sheila at: [sheilakwilley@gmail.com](mailto:sheilakwilley@gmail.com)

## Financial Planning

The Women's Financial Interest Group provides members with interesting guest speakers on topics ranging from current updates from local tax advisors, what's new with estate planning for you and your heirs, how can insurance strategies benefit your estate and financial planning, can long term care planning help you and your family, real estate trends in Santa Cruz County, gift planning and strategies for your philanthropy and much more. Look at what you are missing! Even if you think you have your affairs in order and you love your current advisors, reminders and new information are always beneficial. You are always welcome to bring a guest of your choice and join us. We will be coordinating a different day and time for this next series of discussions so stay tuned for more information. If you have any suggested topics or speakers you would like us to arrange contact Jane McKenzie at 831.234.5730 or [Jmckenzie@protectedinvestors.com](mailto:Jmckenzie@protectedinvestors.com).

## Hiking Club

Hiking Group members Joan, Cynthia, Pilar, Ellen, Laurie, Lulu and Claire-Marie (photographer) visited Ano Nuevo in April to see the molting female elephant seals and their plump "weaners". We enjoyed the recently re-engineered trails at the park and the coastal vistas. The excellent docent answered our many questions and updated us on research currently underway by UCSC scientists. Lunch at Costanoa was our reward for the hike (and the chilly breeze out on the point).





## Learn to Play Bridge

Learn to Play Bridge group continues meeting every Monday, but for the summer months the group gets together at 6:30 pm, and plays until 9 pm. After daylight saving time ends, the schedule will change back to 1:00 - 3:30. There is a lesson on the first and fourth Mondays, followed by a game. On the other Mondays, the group just plays bridge. There are two or three tables each time. More members are welcome. Contact Irma Andrews [irma\\_andrews@hotmail.com](mailto:irma_andrews@hotmail.com) or Evelyn Prichard: [admin@evelynprichard.com](mailto:admin@evelynprichard.com)

At the end of last year, the group had a celebration for one of our members, Alta van Landingham Sorrell who passed away rather unexpectedly (but also expected because she was 93 years old). She played a good game of bridge, just two days before! We (some of us brave souls) traipsed to the beach to scatter some ashes and then we all had dinner and an evening of bridge (and dessert), complete with wine and coffee!



*Bridge Group celebrating, Alta van Landingham Sorrell's life.*

## Our First Volunteers in Motion (VIM) Adventure

At 8:30 on a beautiful Thursday March morning, Lesley, May and I met up at Mary-Nona's house to carpool to the Jacob's Heart home base in Watsonville. Jacob's Heart Children's Cancer Support Services exists to improve the quality of life for children with cancer and support their families in the challenges they face.

When we arrived at our destination, we were greeted warmly by Jacob's Heart volunteer

Coordinator, Alex Dami who gave us a tour of the amazing center. The space was generously provided by neighboring Granite Construction and had many rooms, all designated and decorated for various special purposes. There were project rooms, conference rooms, quiet and cozy rooms, a bereavement room, a kitchen and reception area, and a research library. My favorite was the Jungle Room, a colorful children's play area complete with an over-sized stuffed monkey and high-heeled slipper slide.

After our tour, we were led to the supply room where our Fearsome 4 set up assembly-line style at May's suggestion to fill 79 bags of groceries for the families served by Jacob's Heart who needed them. Somehow, we got beans, bananas, avocados, bread, tortillas, cans of corn, peaches and tomatoes, spices, recipes and more into grocery bags that had been decorated by high school-aged volunteers.

Hungry ourselves after such a full morning, we asked Alex for lunch suggestions and, in spite of getting lost for a few minutes using our GPS for directions, we found the Beach Street Cafe one block away from Jacob's Heart. We downed Cobb salad, a tuna melt, French toast and scrambled eggs and took off for home, but not after a short visit to nearby Annie Glass where Mary-Nona splurged on a beautiful platter!

It was an incredibly informative and productive morning that we all felt really good about participating in. Lesley spoke for us all when she wrote to VIM steering committee colleague Colleen that, "we all loved the experience and would do it again in a heartbeat."

We invite you all to join us on our next Volunteers in Motion activity that is coming up soon. If you are not already on our volunteer list and would like to be, please email me, Corinne Miller, at [corky@ucsc.edu](mailto:corky@ucsc.edu). We hope to work alongside you soon, helping organizations that provide invaluable services to our most vulnerable children.



VIM Adventure. Pictured: Corrine Miller, Mary Nona Hudson, Leslie Youdall, and May Clark.

Sara Radoff – (STARS Representative)

**Staff Liaison**

Kathy Rouhier

**Chancellor's Associate**

Kelly Weisberg

***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 2018-19 BOARD MEMBERS**

**Officers**

President - Claudia Parrish  
 Co-1st Vice President - Corinne Miller  
 Co-1st Vice President - Virginia Rivera  
 2nd Vice President - Sally Gaynor  
 Secretary/Sunshine - Clare-Marie Karat  
 Data/Communication/Membership - Clea Harmanson  
 Treasurer - Lesa Stollenwerk

**Coordinators**

Food - Jan Corriden, Ilene Wilson (Assistant)  
 Fundraising - Cindy Miller  
 Interest Groups - Amber Burke  
 Publicity - Colleen Page  
 Scholarship - Gloria Williams (lead), Cynthia Schuette (understudy)  
 Website - Hazel Powell, Sally Lester (apprentice)

**Members-at-Large**

Jo Barbier (Gifted Flowers)  
 Andrea Cohen (Floater)  
 Laurie Salatich (Floater)  
 Bonita Sebastian (Floater)

**UCSC WOMEN'S CLUB INTEREST GROUPS 2017/2018**<http://womensclub.ucsc.edu>

INTEREST GROUP COORDINATOR

Kerrie McCaffrey

kerrie@cruzio.com

**BON APPETIT – A gourmet cooking group**

Rusty Bowman: ebowman@ucsc.edu

CLOSED to New Members - Waiting List Available

**BOOK CLUB 1**

2nd Friday 11:00 am

Colleen Page: colleen\_page@msn.com

CLOSED to New Members

**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

CLOSED to New Members

**BOOK CLUB 5**

3rd Monday 1:00 – 2:30 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

3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 11:00 – 2:00 pm

Sharon Cooper: coop2612@sbcglobal.net

Marge Gregory &amp; Mary Frances Gonzalez

**ENGLISH IN ACTION**

Student Meeting Times To Be Arranged

Karin Grobe: kgrobe@wormdoctor.org

CLOSED to New Members

**EXCURSIONS CLUB**

Monthly Outings chosen by members

Clare-Marie Karat: cmkarat@gmail.com

Alice Rink: alicerink@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: vrivera@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, plus 1 optional hike

Laurie Salatich: lsalatich@gmail.com

**LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE**

Weekly Mondays, 6:30 – 9:00 pm

Lessons 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays 6:30 – 9:00 pm

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 &amp; COORDINATOR WANTED

**VOLUNTEERS IN MOTION (VIM)**

Links club members to projects in the community

4<sup>th</sup> Monday

Corinne Miller: corky@ucsc.edu

NEW MEMBERS &amp; COORDINATOR WANTED

**WESTSIDE LUNCH CLUB**

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

Rusty Bowman: ebowman@ucsc.edu