SPOTLIGHT

UCSC Community Connections newsletter

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Merger Approved Between UCSC Affiliates and Women's Club

With the official vote in, the merger between UCSC Affiliates and UCSC Women's Club was approved, the new Bylaws were okayed and the new name was agreed upon. It is with great excitement that the new name will be: UCSC COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS!

UCSC Community Connections has emerged as a new friends group but will continue to have a variety of interest groups as well as general meetings with speakers. The first planned general meeting will be on October 12th with UCSC Chancellor Cynthia Larive as our keynote speaker. This will be a catered luncheon at the Arboretum barring any Covid restrictions. We will continue to have potlucks throughout the academic year with our general meetings.

We still need to fill a few open positions on the board, so please consider taking a leadership role. Just tell us your skills and how you could contribute, and together we'll discuss the options. If you'd like to have that discussion, Laurie Salatich would love to hear from you! She can be contacted at lsalatich@gmail.com.

Our new President is Linda Koval, who has served as the Second Vice President of UCSC Women's Club for 2 years. Linda was a special education teacher for 30 years at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education where she became a head teacher, then a mentor teacher for graduate teachers from San Jose State University. After retiring, she consulted for the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, Cal State University, Monterey Bay, and several private schools for students with autism.

All are invited to join this newly merged organization. Dues for the CC will remain the same as the former Women's Club dues, and you'll receive a reminder about paying your dues during the summer. Women's Club lifetime memberships will be honored in the CC.

Scholarship Update



In spring of 2022, the former Women's Club awarded \$21,500 in scholarships to 16 recipients, including undergraduate and graduate students, men and women, student parents, first generation college students, and a wide spectrum of areas of study. And all from your generous donations! To see videos of these wonderful students as well as to learn a bit more about them, please visit the former Women's Club website <u>here</u>.

Over the past 46 years, we've awarded 526 scholarships for a total of \$453,151!! On behalf of our scholarship recipients, thank you for your support!



Chancellor Emeritus Karl Pister

You may have seen the news that UCSC's <u>Chancellor Emeritus Karl Pister</u> passed away recently at age 96. Chancellor Pister and his wife, Rita, made enormous contributions to UCSC.

Our Rita Olsen Pister Endowed Scholarship was named after his wife to honor her commitment to the former Women's Club. The Pister family has requested that donations in memory of Karl and his work be made to the Rita Olsen Pister Endowed Scholarship at this link. Once at the page, scroll down to 'designations' and either 1) click on 'Click here to select a gift designation,' then scroll through an alphabetical list until you reach 'Rita Olsen Pister Endowed Scholarship,' or 2) 'search for the area of the University you would like to donate to by clicking' on their link. Then under 'search by keyword,' type in 'Rita Olsen Pister Endowed Scholarship.'

Your donation will benefit students like those described in the article on your left.



Chancellor Emeritus Karl Pister

UCSC CC PROPOSED 2022-23 BOARD MEMBERS

The proposed board members will be formally elected at the Fall Gathering.

Officers

President - Linda Koval 1st Vice President - Sonia Deetz 2nd Vice President * -Secretary/Sunshine -Treasurer - Sally Lester

Coordinators

Food - Jan Corriden Fundraising - Colleen Page Data/Communication/Membership -Interest Groups -Publicity -Scholarship - Gloria Williams (lead), Laurie Salatich (understudy) Newsletter - Sally Lester Website - Hazel Powell

Members-at-Large Andrea Cohen (Floater) Laurie Salatich (Floater)

Staff Liaison Clea Hermanson

Chancellor's Associate Anna Finn

*Positions may be shared. Currently we have willing committee members for the 2nd vice-president position but no lead.



Proposed Mission Statement

The purpose of UCSC's Community Connections is to share common interests, to work toward building a cultural and academic bridge between the university and community, to promote understanding and support for the purpose and functions of the university, and to raise money for scholarships in two student populations: re-entry students and local students pursuing degrees at UCSC.