



The Star Line

The Newsletter of the University of Central Florida Women's Club

Summer 2012

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President's 20th Anniversary at UCF



On March 1, President and Mrs. Hitt celebrated their 20th anniversary on the UCF campus. And what a twenty years it has been! When John and Martha came to UCF in 1992, UCF had 21,424 students and was ranked 5th in enrollment in the state university system. Today, with 58,587 students, we are ranked first in Florida and second in the nation in enrollment! Our graduates have increased from 57,00 to more than 225,000 and the number of our degree programs has grown from 142 to 211. In addition, much of the campus has been built during Hitt's tenure. Our external funding has multiplied and our partnerships have grown by bounds.

President Hitt says about all of the university's accomplishments during his time here that "if there is anything I have learned in 20 years, it is that our greatest danger is not to dream too large, but to dream too small. At UCF, we dream big. Our greatest limitations are those we place on ourselves."



Think Spring! Luncheon and Fashion Show



The annual Women's Club spring luncheon, Think Spring, was held at the Tusawilla Country Club on Tuesday, April 10. The room was beautifully decorated in spring colors, and each table was enhanced with a gorgeous floral arrangement created by Dottie Stickley and Carolyn Huseman.

During the first forty-five minutes of the event, the members of the club circulated around the room among our consultants on beauty, health, fitness, and fashion. After the members had a chance to spend time with the consultants, Dell Shadgett reported on the success of our annual clothing sale held this year at the Tusawilla Presbyterian Church. The members were then treated to a fashion show of clothing that was purchased at the sale.

The show was emceed by Erin O'Flaherty, Miss Pasco County, and Sarah York, Miss Orange County, both students at UCF, and both headed to the Miss Florida pageant in July. Our Clothing Sales models, guided by Maggie LeClair, are pictured below.



Pictured to the left are two UCF students, Sarah York, Miss Orange County, Erin O'Flaherty, Miss Pasco County (and our proud President's granddaughter).

In the photo below the UCF students, from left Ann O'Leary Smith, Nancy Marshall, Bette Boston and Martha Hitt (Wendy Jamison looking on).



Our Clothing Sale models from left to right included Ali Armstrong, Julee Waldrop, Mary Meeker, Pam Hanson-Phillips, Sable Lee, Mary Agnes Turkiewicz, Carolyn Huseman, Carol Pickler, Mary Dipboye, Tempie Whittington and Bette Boston.

Pictured in our last photo (below) from the left is Kelly Dowling (UCF Foundation), Beth Barnes, Maggie LeClair, Martha Hitt. UCF Women's Club presents UCF Foundation with a check for \$10,000.00. The check represented proceeds from the Silent Auction and the Clothing Sale.





“In addition to having fun together, we cannot forget the responsibility we have undertaken of offering scholarships to non-traditional students. Please give generously to our scholarship fund.”

- Beth

From Your President– Beth Barnes

What a wonderful year we have had! And what a busy year it has been. In addition to our fall luncheon during which Dr. Dick Tucker advised us not to panic about what is probably “age appropriate memory loss,” we also participated with Town and Gown Council in our annual Christmas Tea to support the Coalition for the Homeless, such a worthwhile organization!

Our spring luncheon was such a success that I’ve written a little article about it for those of you who were unable to make it this year. Suffice it to say that you missed some wonderful consultants and a smashing fashion show of items our members purchased at our very successful spring clothing sale run by Dell Shadgett and her crew of angels.

Our pop-up events have been very popular this year, too. Among other things, we’ve been to the movies and we’ve gone zip lining; we’ve been to jazz concerts, book fairs, volley ball tournaments, and track meets and the International Friendship group has visited the Buddhist temple in Mims. Wow! Any time you know of

an event that you think we all might enjoy, let me know about it and I’ll post it for the group.

Our interest groups are the heart of our club and the basis of so many of our long-lasting friendships, and I am always so impressed with all that they do throughout the year. I have asked the leaders of the interest groups to report to you in this issue some of their many activities in hopes that you will be as proud of the groups that you belong to as I am or that you will take that final step to join the groups you’ve been interested in.

I know for sure what fun the new golfing interest group members had with Maggie LeClair’s Maine Hall of Fame golfer husband, Ronnie, guiding them all the way! By the way, any time you see a need for a new interest group, just let me know, and we’ll see if there’s sufficient interest.

I’m proud to say that we met our fund-raising goals this year to support the scholarships we give to undergraduates and now to a graduate student, thanks to Maggie LeClair’s considerable efforts with the

online auction and the clothing sale, among other things. Thanks, Mags. I’ll let you tell about that success elsewhere in this newsletter, just as Dell Shadgett will tell you about the success of the clothing sale and Sarah Magann and her interest groups chairs about their successes. And thanks to all the members for your support this year. We’ll need your support again next year as members, as participants, and as committee members for our events. We’re already planning a wonderful year for you based on our theme *Improving Your Mind and Body*.

And, whatever you do, don’t forget to go online today at www.ucfwomensclub.com and renew your membership. You can pay by PayPal or you can print the form and mail it in. Please do that by June 30.

Have a relaxing summer. Read lots of books. Eat healthy and get some exercise. Be thinking of pop-up events for us all! – And, thanks for asking me to be your president again next year.

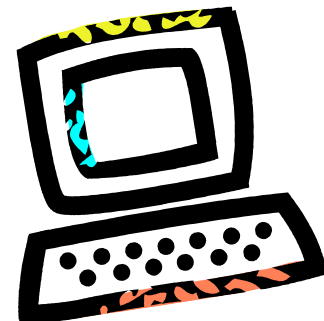
Love,
Beth

Watch your email for Pop Up Events Pictured at the Holiday Tea event at The Burnett House from left to right are Shelley Pynn, Ginny Holmes, Julee Waldrop, Beth Barnes



New UCFWC Website!

Stay tuned for updates to the UCFWC website at www.ucfwomensclub.com!



2012-13 UCFWC Interest Group Chairpersons

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- Please note that Gourmet I, II and III and MahJongg (Day) groups are at capacity.
- The Originals group is only for original members of the UCFWC.

New Interest Groups

Any time you see a need for a new interest group, just let Beth know, and we'll see if there's sufficient interest. She's interested, for example, in starting Wednesday's Walkers in July. If there's enough interest, we'll leave from the McDonald's parking lot by the trail at Aloma at 7:30 a.m. and **no one** will be left behind. Our goal will be to have fun and get healthy, but also to participate as walkers or runners in the Lady Track Shack women's race for breast cancer research in February.



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Pop-Up Event- Nine Fearless UCFWC Members Go Ziplining!



Nine fearless UCFWC members and one guest participated in a zip-lining pop-up event at Forever Florida in Osceola County November 30, 2011!! We spent a morning zipping above the trees and watching each other as we were assisted by skilled and entertaining guides who had to rescue several of us when ropes to pull in were not thrown close enough or the zip did not quite get us to the platform (no danger, just excitement). *Group picture includes Judy Kuhn, Mary Meeker, Leslie Leiberman, Rosa Bellino-Giordano, Pat Fluno, Etta Jean Juge, Debbie Caruana, Sharon Frumkin, Cheri Geiger, and Kathy Sidor.*



Cookie Exchange

Many thanks to Carolyn and Richard Huseman for once again opening their beautiful home and helping us kick off the holiday season.

Pictured from left to right (left photo) Beth Barnes, Maggie LeClair, Carolyn Huseman and (right photo) Dottie Stickley and Teri Notestine.



Golf

Our golf group met in the fall and winter in a series of clinics to learn the basics of golf. Led by our volunteer instructor, Ron LeClair, we reviewed the grip, stance, swing, pitch, chip, putt and sand play. In the past month we have transitioned to the golf course to put our new skills to use. We play nine holes on Tuesday afternoons. *Pictured from left to right Audrey Jones, Ron LeClair, Sara Magann, Par Pepler, Debbie Caruana.*



Daytime Bookworms

Daytime Bookworms is winding down the 2011-12 season with a discussion of "A Strange Stirring: The Feminine Mystique and American Women at the Dawn of the 1960s", a time we all experienced and that influenced our lives in some way. It has been a wonderful year filled with good friends, good food, fun activities and great books. Some of our selections were entertaining with an adventure, educational with a guest expert, a visit to time past with "Jane Eyre" and four other equally entertaining and educational choices. We look forward to our selections for next year which surely will have equally well-written and discussion-laden topics.



A big Thank You to each Hostess who opened her home and Discussion Leader who organized and lead a thoughtful discussion on the selected book. Have a wonderful summer and remember Read, Read, Read and share with us those really good books that you have enjoyed.

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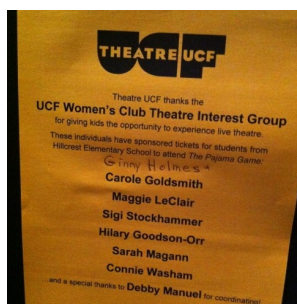
Gourmet III

Between Christmas and Valentine's Day Gourmet III has been busy. In the top photo you see the group at their Christmas party. The Christmas Party was highlighted with a fun Chinese Gift Exchange. In the photo below and to the right the members are at the Valentine's Day party where the hosts had all the men serve as waiters to their 'loves'!

Top photo seated: Richard Turkiewicz, Barbara Van Stryland, John Shadgett, Eric Van Stryland.

Top photo standing: Dottie Stickley, Jim Moharam, Jane Fuller, Dell Shadgett, Lynn Moharam, Martin Stickley, Mary Agnes Turkiewicz, Don Fuller.

Right: The Valentine Party with Dottie Stickley, Mary Agnes Turkiewicz, Jane Fuller, Lynn Moharam, Dell Shadgett, Barbara Van Stryland.



Theatre

This year our group of 25 members decided to concentrate on supporting Theatre UCF. Our guardian angel, Heather Gibson, Box Office Director, offered a Flexible Ticket program so season tickets could be exchanged if needed. This year we attended *Pajama Game*, *The Last Night of Ballyhoo*, *Ragtime* and our last event of the year on April 19 was *Shove! Push!*



Hikers R Us

Hikers have been to Seminole County Environmental Center on January 15 and had a good outing with 9 of us hiking along the Osprey Trail out to Lake Jesup where the fog did not allow us to see the bridge at first, but within 5 minutes the curtain lifted! Saw lots of flora and some fauna—2 varieties of vultures, woodpecker and others.

We went to Merritt Island February 15 and drove the Black Point Trail and hiked the 5 miles of the Cruikshank Trail.

The birds on the drive were many and varied—roseate spoonbills, tricolor and great blue and little blue herons, egrets of several kinds, thousands of coots and ducks, white pelicans, wood storks, avocets, anhingas and cormorants, gulls, terns, pipers and plovers. We also saw an otter fishing and eating his catch up really close! The hike was long, a little warm.



The group traveled to Gainesville on March 9 to visit Carson Springs Farm and Animal Sanctuary where owner Christine Janks guided us to see their rescued animals including big cats, as well as Gracie the Giraffe. We also saw some of the thoroughbreds that are foaled and pastured there. 10 of us went there and to Devil's Millhopper, a state park in north Gainesville that is an ancient sink-hole with board walk to the bottom through several layers of ecosystems. Participants included Liz Payer, Mary Dipboye, Audrey Jone, Sarah Magann, Pat Crepeau, Mimi Rodriguez, Pam Wilson, Debbie Manuel, Cynthia Chamberlain, and Mary Meeker.

Armchair Travelers

Armchair Travelers is a great way to share travel experiences and pass along travel tips. Members host meetings in their homes. From September 2011 to May 2012, we have been busy showing our pictures and talking about exotic places. We were able to see Sweden and Europe through the eyes of a UCF student studying abroad; venture into the vastness of Mongolia; compare the changes in China over a ten-year period, and Travelers are looking forward to seeing behind the scenes of our neighbor, Cuba, as the year ends. UCFWC members and their spouses are welcome to join us as we plan exciting future virtual journeys to new and favorite destinations.



Beauty, Health, and Fitness

We had some interesting programs this year including lecture/discussions with two physicians Dr. Kristin Jackson (gynecologist), Dr. Amy Derrow (dermatologist), who provided us with helpful information about our skin and our bodies. We also had a wonderful visit to the Festival of Trees (sheer beauty at its best) and spent a delightful day at the Rosen School of Hospitality where Robert Ashley gave us an inside view of the program, gave us several recipes for healthy but delicious meals, and then fed us a sample of those recipes. We look forward to more interesting programs next year.

Needlework

We had lots of fun this year, meeting in lovely homes, eating wonderful goodies, sharing needlework projects, and chatting while we knitted, crocheted, or worked on counted cross stitch canvases.

As Bette Boston says, "no agendas and no minutes, just fun."



A note on fundraising

Our fund raising efforts continue to go well. The Club made over \$10,000 from the Silent Auction, Clothing Event and major donations from Wendy Radwan, Martha Hitt and Bruce Whisler. Thank you to everyone who donated to the scholarships and I'd like to give a shout out to those who are continuing to donate through Payroll Deduction.

Your assistance will enable us to award three \$1,500.00 scholarships this year and next and also award one \$2,000.00 graduate scholarship this year and next. Planning a Trivia Night so stay tuned for details. This is an amazing group and your generosity today helps our needy students have a successful tomorrow. Moving Forward by Giving Back! -Maggie LeClair

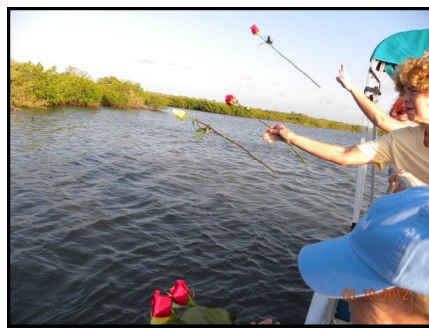


UCFWC Oyster Mat Restoration Efforts

The UCF Women's Club continues to stay involved in assisting Dr. Linda Walters in her environmental stewardship efforts.

Earlier this year Women's Club volunteers assisted with oyster mat making and mangrove seed planting.

Attending from UCFWC were: Maggie LeClair, Mary Meeker and her husband, Ken, Dena Ford and her boyfriend, Larry, and Amy Barnickel who brought family members to help. It was a huge success! Dr. Walters said she expected only 40 people and 150 mats would be produced, but in reality, it was 55 people and 240 mats at the end of the day. *Pictured: The record breaking oyster producing "Frances Millican Reef" at the National Seashores.*



Several UCFWC members (Beverly Tucker, Dell Shadgett, Amy Foster, Mary Meeker, Kiley Wagenschnur), along with UCF faculty, staff, students and community volunteers, journeyed to Canaveral National Seashores to assist in reef mat laying.

Amy Foster awakened Dell Shadgett, Mary Meeker, Maggie LeClair and Kiley Wagenschnur from their deep slumbers at 4:30am Saturday morning, May 20, to witness the rocket launch. We all trooped out onto the beach in our jammies, bleary-eyed and the launch was scrubbed. We were wide-awake for the 6:30a.m. meeting at the park boat dock.



Once again, our Knight, Dick Tucker, ably assisted by his wife, Beverly, brought their deck boat to ferry us out to tour Mosquito Lagoon and visit the Frances Millican Reef. It was a beautiful morning and we were accompanied by several dolphin.

We spotted beautiful birds and several manatee along the way. We arrived at the Frances Millican Reef to see what Dr. Linda Walters describes as "the healthiest, best producing reef to date" (what else would our Frances expect?). It is amazing.

For those of you who have helped construct mats, you know we place 37 oyster shells on the mats - there are now (after 2 years) approximately 250 live, large oysters per mat at this reef - I had to get out and stand on it - no harm done - it is unbelievable!

As we left the reef, we threw yellow and red roses in the water. At the Fellar's House, Dell brought a bottle of Frances Millican labeled wine and we toasted the success of our efforts. It was good to talk to the students about her and her legacy at UCF.

Please let me know if you are interested in helping with this terrific conservation project. -Maggie LeClair



Sunshine Report from Bette Boston

If you know a club member in need of some sunshine, please contact Bette to let her know!

- Martha Hitt– Thank you for 20 years with UCF
- Beryl Colborn- Congrats new home
- Jan Fisher– Thinking of You
- Beth Barnes– Thinking of You
- Debby Manuel– Sympathy
- Carole Goldsmith– Thinking of You
- Ali Armstrong– Thinking of You
- Wendy Jamison– Thinking of You
- Mary Ann Cottrell– Get Well
- Wendy Radwan– Thinking of You
- Karetta Lee– Get Well
- Etta Jean Juge– Sympathy
- Dell and John Shadgett - Congratulations on your 50th wedding anniversary
- Art Lehmann– Thinking of You
- Jeanne Brown– Get Well
- Bill Simonet—Get Well
- Bette and Ralph Boston—Congratulations on your 60th wedding anniversary



Mission Statement:

The mission of the University of Central Florida Women's Club is to support the advancement of the University's ideals and goals and to provide scholarships benefitting non-traditional students of the University of Central Florida. We welcome members from the community as well as the University and provide opportunities for sharing interests and developing friendships.



Our next Pop Up Event will be a paddle boarding adventure to be held in September.

A final date has not been selected, but stay tuned to future newsletters and emails from your president for a final date, place and time.



Kudos Corner– UCFWC Congratulates Our Members!



The American Association of University Women's Winter Park branch appointed Maria Cristina Santana as their College/University Representative. She is a national member and will automatically become a member of the Winter Park branch.

Some of Santana's responsibilities as College/ University Representative include recruiting students and communicating with AAUW at the local and national level. She will also facilitate campus participation in annual initiatives such as the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, AAUW Campus Action Projects, \$tart \$mart, and Elect Her — Campus Women Win, a collaboration between AAUW and Running Start that encourages and trains young women to run for student government.

Maria Cristina Santana is program director of the Women's Studies Program.

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We welcome your submissions– articles, updates, photos, and other information is all welcome! Please contact Jerriann Sullivan via email at jerriann.sullivan@gmail.com.

