



The Star Line

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

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Women's Club Celebrates Healthy Living and Scholarships



On Tuesday, September 25th the University of Central Florida Women's Club in Orlando hosted their fall luncheon at the beautiful FAIRWINDS Alumni Center. The 90 plus women in attendance enjoyed a pre-event of signing up for interest groups for the year and visiting several vendors in attendance relative to this year's theme, "Improving our Minds and Bodies." Beautiful roses provided by Passion Growers were everywhere and graced each of the luncheon tables as centerpieces.

Guests dined on chicken, fruit and greens and enjoyed the featured speaker, Dr. David Biebel from Florida Hospital Publishing, speaking on his most recent book, *52 Ways to Feel Great Today* and Des Cummings' book, *8 Secrets of a Healthy 100*. In keeping with the club's theme for the year, the guests were encouraged to utilize a special offer for both books.

An important part of the luncheon was honoring this year's three scholarship recipients - Chrona Conley, Kayla Hernandez and Jerrell Dayton King. The mission of the club is to provide and award scholarships to full-time, non-traditional students. Those who receive a UCF Women's Club Scholarship are not only bright and talented, but have overcome significant personal hardships in pursuit of an education. Award winners receive hope for their dreams, and the knowledge that UCF Women's Club members believe in them and are proud of their accomplishments. At the end of the luncheon, not wanting to waste an opportunity, the board sold the beautiful table arrangements to attendees and put the money in the club's scholarship fund. Special thanks and gratitude to all involved for a most successful event.

Pictured above our UCFWC members at the fall luncheon.

Sheila B. Somerville Scholarship

To honor his lovely wife, Sheila B. Somerville, a long-time UCF Women's Club member, Dr. Paul Somerville has challenged us to fund raise a match of \$100,000 over the next five years. The UCF Women's Club is honored to fundraise for this terrific scholarship and delighted to be able to see the benefit firsthand.

The kick-off to this effort will be the Glitz On-Line Auction for Scholarships, scheduled to run November 26 (5pm) through December 6 (noon). Items will be accepted all through this time.

There are some wonderful items this year, including an original Hofer painting, a Keurig Elite Coffee Maker, a Dooney & Bourke backpack, lots of fabulous Chanel perfumes, and an H&R Block tax return certificate!

Shop early for the holiday season while benefitting our deserving students at the University of Central Florida! *The photo to the left is the UCFWC Original Members.*





"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 start we have had to the new year. We have welcomed a number of new members and welcomed back some members who had belonged to the club in past years.

We had an amazing fall luncheon at the Fairwinds Alumni Center where Dr. David Biebel of Florida Hospital talked to us about *52 Ways to Feel Great Today* and a number of vendors spoke to us about health and wellness.

In addition, our interest group leaders set up displays and told us about the fabulous opportunities that await us in the interest groups. Our special thanks go out to Veronica Livesay and Joanne McCulley who organized the event for us this year.

We also got a chance to meet our three scholarship recipients and, since the luncheon, we have learned that Paul Somerville, whose late wife Sheila was a long-time member of our club, has offered to match any money we raise for scholarships over the next three years up to \$100,000!

How grateful we are to Paul and what a wonderful opportunity it is for us to increase our scholarship funds. I encourage each of you to write a check right now and get it to Maggie LeClair, our scholarship chair, so that we can be on our way to meeting Paul's challenge.

We have several fundraising opportunities coming up and many fellowship opportunities, as well. Beginning November 26, we will have our annual online auction and I encourage all of you to read Maggie's article in the newsletter about that.

On December 3 from 10:00 to noon, we will gather at the Burnett House for a Holiday Coffee, which we sponsor each year along with the Town and Gown Council to benefit the Coalition for the Homeless. You should have received your invitation by now. Please note that this is a members only event because of space issues.

On December 13 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., we will have our

Cookie Exchange at Carolyn Huseman's home. We will have our annual Clothing Sale at Tuscawilla Presbyterian Church on March 1 and 2, and our Spring Luncheon will follow in April at Tuscawilla Country Club.

There is something happening in one or another of the interest groups at least three times every week. What a full year we have planned!

The year has brought some sadness, too, however. Our dear Tootsie Ellis passed away in November and we all will miss her terribly. Tootsie was a friend to everyone she met and she did a lot for this club.

I look forward to seeing you at all our events. Get out your checkbooks, start baking, clean out your closets, and get out to some of the interest group events. We are having a ball and we'll miss you if you're not there!

Love,
Beth

For its November meeting, The Beauty, Health, and Fitness Interest Group attended the Festival of Trees at the Orlando Art Museum. Pictured to the right are Ali Armstrong, Rosa Caruso, Beth Barnes, Linda Lewman, Sarah Magann, Etta Jean Juge, and Mary Dipboye.



The Gourmet I Club met on Nov. 4 for the Fall gathering, which was hosted by Anne and Ed Rinalducci and co-hosted by Paul Somerville.

The group looks forward to being together again.



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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.

Holiday Coffee

The Annual Holiday Coffee that the UCF Women's Club hosts with the UCF Town and Gown Council will be held on December 3, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., at the Burnett House. This is a members only event. Please put it on your calendars.



UCFWC Interest Groups

Armchair Travelers



Armchair Travelers provides a venue for sharing travel experiences and passing along travel tips. Members host meetings in their homes from 7:00 P.M. 'til 9:00 P.M., on the fourth Monday of each month.

UCFWC members and their spouses are welcome to join us as we have fun exploring virtual adventures all over the world. The group will not meet in December, but will be getting together on January 28, 2013. Mary Meeker is the host for the January meeting and the group will be focusing on Switzerland.

Needlework

Our Needlework group is going strong. We are close to 20 members and meet on the second Monday of each month, in a member's home. We work on all kinds of knitting, crocheting, sewing, and needlepoint projects, and someone always has something interesting to share - a pattern, a technique, or perhaps a yarn shop she's discovered.

We welcome any new stitchers to join us. We always have good food, and lively conversation to accompany you as you work on your latest project.



Golf

The UCF Women's Golf Group teed off our clinic series at Tee It Up Driving Range. Our instructor, Ron LeClair, taught us the proper grip and since then we do not want to let go of the club for fear of forgetting the grip. Ladies who took the clinic last year are meeting once a month to play golf at area courses and our first outing is at Winter Pines in Winter Park. Our golf group has grown to 19 members this year.



The International Friendship Group

The International Friendship Group had its first gathering of the Fall with the theme – Lunch, Learn and Shop – in Winter Park on Oct. 11. Lunch was held in La Cocina 214 where we heard speaker Jean Schroeder, co-manager at Ten Thousand Villages. With her presentation, Ms. Schroeder took us to far-away lands to meet artisans with their talents, sacrifices and hopes. Afterwards, we shopped at Ten Thousand Villages, where the store donated 15% of the value of our purchases to the scholarship fund.

The group's next adventure was the UCF International Breakfast on Nov. 13. This event recognized the UCF internationalization efforts with cultural performances, and several awards. The guest speaker for the program was Valerie Hemingway, author of "Running with the Bulls."

Gourmet III

In late September the "girls" of Gourmet III went on a road trip to the Port Canaveral Yacht Club, in Port Canaveral, to visit Barb and Eric's beautiful 50' Gulfstar sail boat, cleverly named the BARBERIC!! We all toured below deck and then sat on the upper deck, soaking in the sun and listening to Barbara tell us all of their adventures and life on the boat. No, she did not take the ladies for a short cruise but what a treat to see the results of their labors as the boat is beautiful.

Christmas Plans

Gourmet III will be holding their traditional Christmas gathering on December 17 with all the usual wonderful foods followed by our great Chinese Gift Exchange.

Pictured at lunch at Rusty's in Port Canaveral are l-r: Dell Shadgett, Jane Fuller Lynn Moharam, Dottie Stickley, Barbara Van Stryland and Mary Agnes Turkiewicz.



Theatre

Your UCF Women's Club Theatre Interest Group has 27 members who join us as their schedules allow. This year we again support Theatre UCF with the selection of six plays, some Black Box and some Main Stage.

We enjoy meeting prior to performances for dinner and invite spouses, friends and children to join us. STOP KISS, our first event of the year, was a powerful play. The panel discussion prior to the performance made the experience so much more meaningful. Mark your calendars now and don't miss another chance to see so much talent inform and entertain us.



Take A Hike

Take A Hike, the interest group for those of us who like to get outside and explore, met Monday October 1 for a stroll through Leu Gardens and a picnic that included some planning for our activities this year, which will include a trip to Bok Tower Gardens where there is a hiking trail, and we can enjoy the camellias and azaleas along with the music.

We hope to go to Chalet Suzanne for lunch afterward. We also hope to go to Merritt Island in bird migration season again and to Carson Springs Farm near Gainesville to see the horses and rescued exotic animals there one morning and make another excursion in the afternoon. We will hike some state parks and perhaps go to DeLeon Springs for a hike and pancakes!

Two new members joined us to hike the Little Big Econ State Park from the ranger station to the bridge across the Econ and back on October 25 and we all enjoyed a pretty day in the area with a picnic after a hike.



Sunshine Report from Bette Boston

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

- Bette and Ralph Boston - 60th Anniversary
- Martha Hitt - Get Well
- Pat Peppler - Sympathy
- Judy Simonet - Cheer
- Debbie Caruana - Cheer
- Olive & C B Gambrell - 68th Anniversary
- Cynthia Chamberlin - Sympathy
- Don Fuller - Get Well
- Judy Simonet - Sympathy
- Joanne McCully - Friendship
- Darlene Boulet - Sympathy
- Teresita Leeson - Sympathy
- Amy Foster - Cheer
- Marilyn & Terry Frederick - Sympathy



Great Decisions Group

Christine Fullerton will be leading the newest UCF Women's Club Interest Group, Great Decisions. Please mark your calendars for the Great Decision Group meeting, scheduled the first Thursday of each month. Because the first Thursday in January is January 3rd, and some of us may be traveling due to the holiday, the Great Decisions Group will start on the second Thursday, just for January.

New Club Info

Tootsie Ellis In Memoriam



It seems that Tootsie Ellis has "always been there." From the time that her husband, Les, began his career as Vice President of Academic Affairs at UCF, she was completely involved in her family, church and the UCF Women's Club. Her radiant smile warmed you when you met her. Tootsie's home was always open to others and a strawberry pie often graced her table when she entertained. Her happy attitude prevailed in everything in which she was involved. She never knew an idle moment and her talented hands were always busy knitting. Family and home were of utmost importance to Tootsie and it was often filled with relatives who came for visits including two children, a dozen grandchildren and six great grandchildren. She left a mark – a lovely one.

Pictured above are Judy Kuhn, Bette Boston, Tootsie Ellis, Judit Szente and Joanne Pherigo.

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.



The Star Line is a publication of the University of Central Florida Women's Club. Thanks to all members for their assistance with this edition!

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