

Women's Club at UCF, Inc

NEWSLETTER

FALL ISSUE 2015

FALL MEETING

“Moving into Action One Community at a Time”

Our president, Sarah Magann, began the meeting by thanking members for their donations to the Knights' Pantry, a student to student organization that has distributed over 2,000 pounds of food to needy peers. Last spring a large portion of the unsold items from our clothing sale was donated to Knights' Pantry.

Dr. M.C. Santana, the day's guest speaker, was inspirational! A member of Women's Club at UCF, Orlando League of Women Voters, New Journey Youth Center in Apopka where she is a board member and National Women's Studies Association. She is the Director of the Women's Studies Program at UCF, the coordinator for the Young Women Leaders Program and an international presenter. She reminded us of our call to serve the community by identifying our passion then carving out time and resources from our daily lives. She encouraged the audience to reach out to organizations and individuals in need. She noted the Women's Club at UCF provided many opportunities to do so.

Important Dates

New Member Orientation

October 21

Steppin' Out for Scholarships

November 12, 2015

Holiday Tea

December 7, 2pm-4pm

Cookie Exchange

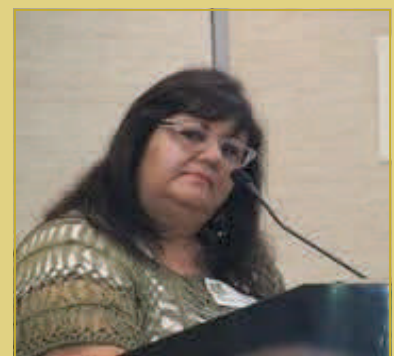
December 17th

Clothing Sale

February 4-6, 2016

Visit our website for more information

womensclub.cos.ucf.edu/



Our guest speaker Dr. M.C. Santana



Two of our scholarship recipients,
Melissa and Forest

(cont'd from page 1) The scholarship recipients were introduced. Undergraduate: Melissa Wyckstandt BS Mechanical Engineering May 2016; Forrest Hardy, BS Mechanical Engineering May 2016 Graduate: Nicole Phanstiel, Communicative Disorders.

Both students were so delighted to be able to thank our club and tell how the financial assistance helped them to achieve their goals. Melissa received the best news of the day, she was offered a job! Nicole sent her appreciation via a note as she was unable to attend but hopes to attend the spring meeting. Tony Sterling and Cindy Holden of the Orlando Dance Club provided a simply beautiful dance demonstration, new members were introduced, the Treasurer shared our financial standing, interest groups decorated tables to show their activities and a few lucky people won the center pieces. Over 80 people attended the meeting!

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead

Thanks a million!!

A big thank you to Ann Simpson and her committee who are responsible for planning this event which include your invitation, program, the lovely table decorations and all of the logistics involved in planning such an event.

Special thanks to Fairwinds Alumni Center, our co-sponsor this year. We all appreciate their cooperation and assistance.

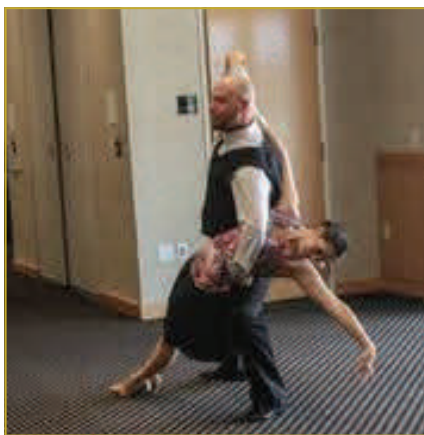
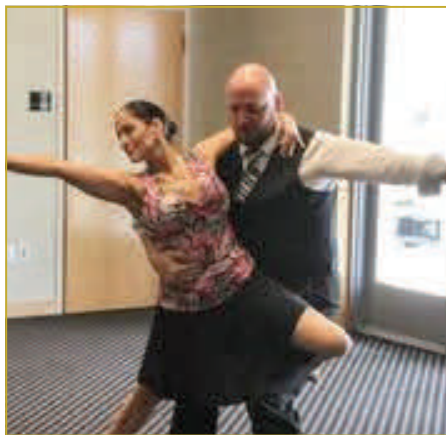
Thank you Aar-
amark, our caterer.

IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION

In 2013 the Women's Club at UCF, Inc. incorporated as a 501(c)(6) organization, which is a business league. The revenues of our organization are historically less than \$25,000 per year and do not warrant the club operating as a charity under 501(c)(3) rules. Additionally, there are significant accounting requirements for a charity under IRS rules, which would be onerous for a completely volunteer Board or costly for the Board to hire accounting expertise.

Under IRS rules, contributions to a 501(c)(6) organization such as ours are NOT deductible as charitable contributions on an individual donor's federal income tax return. The Women's Club at UCF, Inc. is not permitted to issue receipts for a charitable contribution, either for cash or tangible goods (e.g. clothing, auction items).

If you wish to make a monetary donation towards our scholarships and also claim a charitable deduction, please make your check payable to the UCF Foundation and indicate "Women's Club at UCF – scholarships" on the memo line. This will ensure that your donation benefits our organization's scholarship funds. The UCF Foundation is a charitable organization and can issue receipts for tax purposes.



Tony Sterling and Cindy Holden of the Orlando Dance Club

“STEPPIN’ OUT” FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Looking for a bedazzling evening that puts Dancing with the Stars on their toes? “Steppin’ Out” for Scholarships is the event you will not want to miss! This year WC@UCF will host an evening of dancing, a dance exhibition by the Orlando Dance Club, hors d’oeuvres, libations and a silent auction.

Bring a date, a spouse or your best friend for an evening of music , dancing and mingling. Can you think of a better way to support our scholarships for nontraditional students than to party! This event replaces our Online Auction, though for those who thrill in bidding wars, bring cash or a check for the silent auction. (I can’t wait to see our president do the Tango!)

“Steppin’ Out” for Scholarships

Thursday, November 12

1271 State Road 436

Casselberry, Florida 32701

Reservation: \$45.00 per person includes heavy hors d’oeuvres, beer, wine and non alcoholic beverages.

Make Checks payable to Women’s Club at UCF, Inc.

Send to: Kathy Weise, Treasurer

2110 Sterling Creek Parkway

Oviedo, Florida 32766

Engaging with the Community

Thank you Lyman High School’s Horticultural students and teacher, Mr. Alex Arcona, for the beautiful center pieces. WC@UCF donated funds for their program.

The Mah Jongg Interest Group collects from members at each game and contributes the proceeds to the scholarship



Interest Groups

A NEW INTEREST GROUP, open to all members, that focuses on the topics of working women. Heather Gibson will serve as chair.

Take a break once a month on Thursdays or Fridays in a UCF coffee shop to discuss topics such as work/life balance, professional resources on campus or transitioning through different life stages.

The first get together will be on October 16 at 9:30 at the Barnes and Nobles Starbucks in Washington Center.

Please RSVP to Heather Gibson at heather.gibson@ucf.edu

Other groups include:

Arm Chair Travelers

Beauty Health & Fitness

Bookworms (Day)

Bookworms (Night)

Chick Flicks

Golf

Gourmet I, II, III, IV

Great Decisions

International Friendship

Mah Jongg (Day)

Mah Jongg (Night)

Monday Walkers

Needlework

Take a Hike

Theatre

ANNUAL COOKIE EXCHANGE

The Women's Club at UCF Annual Cookie Exchange will be held Thursday, December 17th, 5:30-7:30, at the home of Beth Barnes.

This popular event has occurred for many years and is an opportunity for members to share the Holiday Spirit with old and new friends. Those who participate in the cookie exchange bring 3 dozen homemade cookies and go home with an array of 3 dozen beautifully baked homemade cookies. More information will be available in November.

“Throw your dreams into space like a kite, and you do not know what it will bring back: a new life, a new friend, a new love, a new country.” Anais Nin

INTEREST GROUPS HIGHLIGHTS



Gourmet III eating out more than in! At Txokos adventurous Jane Fuller chases bone marrow with sherry . . . so Basque!



The Hiking Group at Leu Gardens. They really do hike
but you have to keep your energy up!

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

Christine Buchelli is a good friend of Janice Fisher's. She is an avid traveler and loves to different cultural cuisines. Retired from corporate sales with United Airlines, has dual US and Swiss citizenships and has a Master's in Italian from Middlebury College, Vermont. Her link to the club was that she wanted to join a book club and got a whole other club instead!

Gail Dressel is originally from North Carolina, both son and daughter are UCF graduates. Formerly a high school English teacher and staff writer/photographer for West Orange Times in Winter Garden. She was invited to the Spring Meeting as a guest of Sarah Magan-n's and was impressed by the friendliness of the members and scholarship recipients. After seeing Book Club as one of the many interest groups-she knew she was in the right place.

Anna Habowski received her Master's from UCF in the 80's and was a fourth grade teacher in Orange County for 30 years. Judy Simonet is her long time friend, having taught together at Bonnevill. Anna taught Judy's son 27 years ago!

Joanna Hayes grew up in Fort Lauderdale and has gold and garnet rushing through her veins as an FSU grad. She taught Gifted in Brevard and Orange Counties and was recognized by the State of Florida Foundation for being one of Florida's Top 100 Teachers! She plays Mah Jongg, is a LIFE member and is involved with the Down Syndrome Association of Central Florida. Life is good!

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Maryann Coleman has begun working part-time, so that has freed up time to get involved in the club activities and meet other interesting women. Judy Simonet is a friend, and they worked together in their careers in speech pathology. One daughter and her family have moved to LA so she envisions lots of travel to visit them.

Debbie Harrison sees the club as a wonderful way to serve the community, as well as a way to know more women. She really likes the options for involvement offered by the club. She is a good friend of Judy Simonet's, and retired in June from a career as a speech therapist. She loves to read, volunteer, go to movies and travel.

Erica Johnson sees the club as an opportunity to learn, and is impressed with the scholarship and giving activities of the club. She appreciates the friendliness of the members. Erica worked as an occupational therapist in both Orange and Seminole Counties where she made friends with Mary Meeker. She's an avid canoeist, loves camping and hiking, as well as going to the theater.

Janice Brody is a returning member since she has now retired from a career with the UCF Foundation. She loves entertaining and travel. She and her husband, who is the UCF Associate Dean of the College of Arts & Humanities, find that many of their European travels involve his participation in music activities there, and they also host UCF student groups during their academic travels. Janice loves the students' optimism and energy and likes the challenge of helping them problem-solve when needed! She was a guest of Jen Rupert at the meeting.

Donna Tucker heard about club from Judy Simonet, and thought the Interest Groups provided lots of great involvement and that there were many opportunities to volunteer as well. She's a "big-time" quilter, active in her church, loves being a grandmom, and is waiting on a new one to arrive soon.

Melissa Storey attended Armchair Travelers two times last year as a guest of good friends, the Jamisons and the Picklers, and was impressed with the friendliness and interesting conversations. Both she and her husband graduated from UCF when it was FTU. Her goal this year is physical fitness and joining club activities.

Susan Singer found the club by Googling to locate Mah Jongg groups! After a review of the club, she decided to join and has been an active participant in that interest group. She is a native Floridian and received her Master's Degree from UCF.

Margaret Osteen received her EdD from UCF and currently works with interns from the College of Education. The book club and volunteer opportunities attracted her to the club. She volunteers her time at church and by teaching inmates at the jail. A great passion is having fun with her triplet grandchildren, and of course, helping to get them school-ready. She was a guest of Jackie Hughes at the meeting.

Anne Stark is grateful to Mary Whittaker for introducing her to this wonderful group! She is the Director of Residence Life at UCF, the proud momma of an energetic 4 year old boy and has almost completed her doctorate. She hopes to successfully defend her dissertation on Oct 15. In her spare time, she enjoys running long distances with her husband.

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Deborah Williams is interested in community service and developing a wider network of friends with a common purpose. When she heard about the club from Mila Vodopyanov, she thought it was a good match. She works as a Certified Nurse Manager with patients in need of transplant services. Her son will be bridging to UCF from Seminole State in the spring.

Cindy Holden met Sarah at the Crystal Ballroom when the committee was visiting regarding “Steppin Out” for Scholarships. Sarah invited her to come to the Fall Meeting, and she was very impressed with the scholarship awards and the Knight’s Pantry collection. Dancing has been a part of her life since she was 5 and she was an original MAGIC dancer! We saw her talent at the Fall Meeting, but she works full time as a medical aesthetician for two plastic surgeons and stays in shape by dancing and Jazzercise.

Amy Harrison recently moved from Lubbock, Texas with two of her three children and her husband, who is a professor in the Finance Department at UCF. Since she is new to the neighborhood, she sees the volunteer activities and interest groups as a way to develop friendships. She describes herself as a “crafty sewer” and ran a Heart Pillow Clinic in Lubbock for patients recovering from heart surgery. Unique fact—all three of her children were born in areas more than 1000 miles apart from each other—you’ll have to ask her about that! She was a guest of Jen Rupert at the meeting.

Teresa Riedel has been teaching for 22 years, 15 of those years with Seminole County. She has a Master’s in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Virginia. She has been honored with Teacher of the Year, Prism Math Teacher, and Featured Teacher Awards. Most recently, she taught fifth grade with a focus on integrating math, science and technology into academic lessons. She has had the opportunity to assist UCF researchers at the NSF’s Long Term Ecological Research site at Harvard Forest and at the NOAA’s Aquarius Undersea Laboratory in the Florida Keys. With the help of UCF graduate students, she created an Earth Day celebration held at the UCF arboretum for local school children, including students at the UCF Creative School. She enjoys traveling and exercising with her family.

HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER?!

Our next newsletter will be published in January. If you have news or suggestions, please let me know at Ruthie.Rieder@Gmail.com.