

Women's Club at UCF, Inc

NEWSLETTER

SPRING ISSUE 2016

From Our President

This year at our annual Spring Business Meeting, we will be voting on several proposed changes to our Club's Constitution and Bylaws. In 2013 our Club was incorporated and the legal name changed to Women's Club at UCF, Inc. We need to amend our Constitution and Bylaws to align with our legal entity as it was incorporated, as well as our current business practices.

The amended Constitution and Bylaws will be sent prior to our meeting. Please review the changes in advance of the Spring Business Meeting. If you have any questions regarding the changes, please contact Kathy Weise, Treasurer, at 407.366.3082 or via email kw6@cfl.rr.com.

The 2016 Clothing Sale, held the first week in February, was a success in several ways. \$3,041.08 has been added to the coffers for undergraduate and graduate scholarships. In addition and in keeping with our theme "Engaging with the Community", unsold clothing was sent to several local organizations including Knight's Pantry on campus, Hope in Oviedo, Lighthouse for the Blind, and The Forgotten Ones. (cont'd on page 2)



President Sarah Magann

Important Dates

**Spring Business Meeting,
Monday, April 11
11:30 am
Heathrow Country Club**

**Reservations due
April 1st**

**Visit our website
for more
information**

**[http://womensclub.
cos.ucf.edu/](http://womensclub.cos.ucf.edu/)**

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and Interest Group
calendar: pegasus40

Thanks a million
for Support to Our
6th Annual
Clothing Sale

Barnes and Nobles
at UCF for clothing
racks

Tuskawilla
Presbyterian
Church for use of
their facilities

(cont'd from front page) . A lovely note was received from Dr. Shirley Pickford representing The Forgotten Ones and the homeless in our area thanking the Club for donations of clothes, shoes, and blankets.

Roberta Shoopman chaired this endeavor again this year with assistance from Maria Ramirez and 33 wonderful volunteers

The Board expresses many thanks to all who donated new and gently used clothing and to Roberta, Maria, and the volunteers who made the sale so successful. Thanks to the hard work of Club members and husbands, thousands of donated items were collected, sorted and sized at “prep parties” hosted by Judy Kuhn, Dell Shadgett, and Roberta Shoopman. Members also served as “sales assistants” during the sales event .

The Board also thanks Tuskawilla Presbyterian Church for the use of their facility and the Barnes and Noble store on campus for loaning their clothing racks. This was another successful venture that resulted in funds for scholarships, camaraderie among volunteers, and engagement with the community.



Relationship and connectedness are the pre-condition for change. Every endeavor has to get people connected first. Otherwise the content falls on deaf ears. Small groups are an essential building block to any future you want to create. Peter Block

SPRING BUSINESS MEETING INFORMATION

ELECTION OF 2016-17 OFFICERS

On Tuesday, February 16, 2016 the nominating committee met and proposed the following slate of officers for 2016-2017 fiscal year:

President – Kathy Weise,
Vice-President – Margaret Osteen
Treasurer – Lynn Moharam,
Secretary – Teresa Riedel.

The essential challenge is to transform the isolation and self-interest within our communities into connectedness and caring for the whole. Peter Block

SPRING MEETING AND LUNCHEON

A REMINDER!

Our annual Spring Meeting will be held on Monday, April 11, 2016 at 11:30 am at the Heathrow Country Club in Lake Mary. Our guest speaker will be Anne Taylor, Development Director for IDignity.

IDignity was created to help the disadvantaged in Central Florida overcome the difficulties of obtaining the personal identification that is crucial to enabling them to become self-sufficient. For more information about the organization, go to www.idignity.org.

This is a perfect event to invite friends and others who may be interested in finding out more about our organization. Remember, seating is limited! Please RSVP by April 1st.

Make checks payable to Women's Club at UCF, Inc. Mail checks to Club Treasurer:

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MARGIE SLOANE
2016 TASTE OF OVIEDO
POSTER ARTIST WINNER!

Margie Sloane won the 2016 Taste of Oviedo poster contest with her entry named Lawton's Little Red Schoolhouse. Margie also won in 2014 with her photo of Nelson's Water Tower.

As a member of the WC@UCF, she has contributed her photographic talents for our publications. Congratulations Margie!



A FAMILY BENEFITS FROM MEMBERS' GENEROSITY

Just a few days before Christmas, a young couple and their three children, one a newborn, moved into their first home in Oviedo. A fire started in the garage and soon spread throughout the house, which burned to the ground. The mother and children barely escaped with the clothes on their backs.

Their agent posted the tragedy on Facebook and rallied all of the agents in our office, RE/MAX Optima, to help this family. The community and several of the members of UCF Women's Club contributed cash, gift cards, clothing and bedding. Several thousand dollars were raised, and they were housed in someone's condo at the beach for the Holidays.

On their behalf and that of their agent, I want to thank Sarah Magann, Carole Goldsmith, Judy Kuhn, Judy Simonet, Christine Bucheli, and Kathy Weise for their generosity. Carol Pickler, Dell Shadgett and others offered household goods and furniture.

Thank you, Ladies, for your quick response and generosity. The family was able to have food, gifts and basics for their family for Christmas. They are now in temporary housing provided by their insurance company, and their new house is under construction.

INTEREST GROUPS HIGHLIGHTS

NEEDLEWORK

In keeping with the Women's Club theme of community involvement, the Needlework Group has kept busy this year knitting hats for youngsters. To date we have knitted 20 hats which will be donated to the Orlando Day Nursery. This has been a fun project, and all were glad to participate.

In addition, individual members of our group have participated in the Warm-Up America campaign by knitting squares of yarn, which are then joined to make blankets for those in need.

Member Bette Boston says it is her joy to knit for others. For the past five years she has knitted 25 children's hats plus 2 teacher hats for the underprivileged kindergarten children her daughter's best friend teaches.

Bette always has 25-30 hand-knit baby sweaters ready to give away to friends, family, or visitors. One year her granddaughter took 27 for friends in her Sunday School Class.

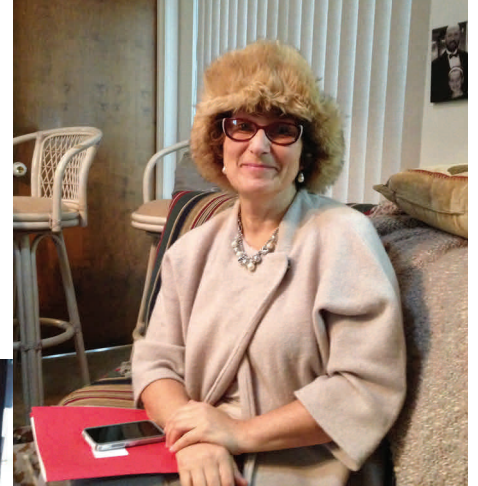
Well done all!



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INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP

At an International Friendship Interest Group meeting, members brought a dish that represented a country that they had visited.. They also wore clothing that represented that country and shared with the group their multicultural experience. Ludmila Vodopyanov, a member of the Women's Club, was the guest speaker and presented an interesting program about growing up in Russia.



At our gathering on March 16th we experienced the SunRail ride from Lake Mary to Church Street, Downtown Orlando. We had an excellent lunch at the Rusty Spoon, an eclectic American menu.

Our last gathering will be on May 27. We will be celebrating our lives with partners and friends by enjoying an international meal in one fine restaurant.



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THEATRE

We have had success reviving the Theatre Group this year! We have seen plays at **Mad Cow, Shakespeare Theatre, UCF** and **Dr Phillips**. Before the theatre, we dined at Kres Downtown, Santiago Bodega on Virginia Ave, Devine's in Oviedo, and Kasa Downtown. All of the plays were delightful, especially Kinky Boots, and our dining experiences were positive. Devine's and Kasa are new, very good restaurants.

Though we have about 30 members on the Theatre Group list, we haven't reached that number in attendance. We would love to hook more of you on theatre!

We have a few more venues to visit, and we encourage all of you interested in theatre to join us. We have a great time, and having dinner before the theatre is a good way to get to know each other better.



We are looking forward to more outstanding theatre, delicious

EVENING BOOKWORMS

Our evening book group of twelve lively and interesting women has read several worthy (and a couple less worthy) books to date. Each member selects a book, hosts a meeting to discuss her selection, and provides questions to enhance the discussion.

All of the meetings have been wonderful; the food is always great; the libations are varied, often of the red and white variety; and, the conversation offers stimulus, varied opinions, multi topics and almost always, ribaldry.

One memorable meeting was the discussion of Longitude, hosted by Amy Foster. Judith Britt arranged for us to Skype with the author, Dava Sobel, who was very gracious and generous with her time.

Our most recent meeting was the second annual Irish Tea hosted by Merrell Bailey at the Orlando Country Club. The sandwiches and numerous delightful desserts were enjoyed during the scintillating discussion of Being Mortal by Atul Gawande, along with Me Before You by Jojo Moyes.

INTEREST GROUPS HIGHLIGHTS



Engaging with the Community

Needleworkers contributed items to Orlando Day Nursery and to the Warm Up America Campaign

Items not purchased at the Clothing Sale were donated to students, the homeless and those in need

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

The latest Armchair Travelers' program featured a lovely river cruise from Moscow to St. Petersburg through the lenses of Mary and Ken Meeker. Liz and Andy Payer contributed samplings of Russian food, and everyone discovered what great borscht Andy can concoct!

A day without sunshine is like, you know, night. Steve Martin

TAKE A HIKE

14 of us took a 7 mile+ hike in Wekiva Springs State Park on Feb 19. Deer were seen, but no bears.! No ill effects were experienced by our hardy group.



INTEREST GROUPS HIGHLIGHTS

GOLF

This year we have been meeting once a week playing at various local courses. Lots of fun is had by all. Anyone interested in joining us is welcome. Just call, text or email me for current time and location, [407-620-2765](tel:407-620-2765) darorlando@yahoo.com.



INTEREST GROUPS

Arm Chair Travelers	Bookworms (Night)	Gourmet I, II, III, IV	Mah Jongg (Day)	Needlework
Beauty Health & Fitness	Campus Break	Great Decisions	Mah Jongg (Night)	Take a Hike
Bookworms (Day)	Chick Flicks	International Friendship	Monday Walkers	Theatre
	Golf			

HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER?!

If you have news or suggestions, please let me know at Ruthie.Rieder@Gmail.com.