

**Women's Club at UCF, Inc.**  
**Annual Fall Meeting – UCF Live Oak Facility**  
**November 04, 2022 from 11:00 am – 1:30 pm**

**WELCOME:**

These are the minutes for the Fall Luncheon Meeting held on November 04, 2022. Due to Hurricane Ian, this board meeting and luncheon was rescheduled from 3 October 2022. It was conducted in person at the Live Oak facility, at the UCF campus.

The doors were opened at 11:00 for members and guests. They were met and welcomed by board members in attendance. As with previous meetings, “dry goods” donations for the Knight's Pantry were collected. Members and guests engaged in mingling with friends, meeting new people, and viewing the different Interest Group Displays. Members were encouraged to sign up to participate with any and all of the Interest Groups that they choose.

**Call to Order:** President Linda Hennig convened the meeting at 11:30 a.m. and extended a warm welcome to attendees. Following a delicious lunch, the meeting was conducted.

**Welcome and Introduction:** Linda Hennig welcomed all attendees and thanked the club members for all their contributions toward the various fund raisers that were held in support of our scholarship programs and UCF students. Members were encouraged to make donations to the “scholarship jars” that were located on each table.

**PROGRAM:** The meeting agenda was:

- Welcome and Opening Comments
- Luncheon
- Introduction of Special Guest
- Guest Speaker Presentation
- Luncheon Guest Speaker
- Business Meeting
  - VP Report
  - Treasurer Report
  - Secretary Report
  - Scholarship Report – Introduction of Graduate Scholarship recipients
  - Interest Groups Report
- Closing Remarks

**Special Guest Introduction:** Lauren Ferguson introduced Mr. Rod Grabowski, Senior Vice President, UCF Advancement and Partnerships. Mr. Grabowski, a special guest for our luncheon, is also the new leader for the UCF Foundation. He shared with the group his background information and his appreciation for how higher education changes lives. Mr. Grabowski also thanked the women of the club for their contributions and continued support of the scholarship funds.

During recent fundraising activities, a special fundraiser was held aimed specifically to support emergency housing and food needs of students affected by Hurricane Ian. the Women's Club at UCF donated \$5300+ toward this fundraiser. Linda Hennig thanked the members who contributed toward this “special fundraiser challenge” where the Women's Club at UCF matched member contributions up to \$2500.

**Guest Speaker Presentation:** “Fueling the Future of Nursing” was the topic of our Guest Speaker Mary Lou Sole, PhD and Pegasus Professor at UCF. Dr. Sole is the Dean of the College of Nursing at UCF. Additionally, she authored a best-selling book titled “Introduction to Critical Care Nursing”.

Dr. Sole shared with us some of the history and “firsts” at the UCF College of Nursing since 1971. She shared with us the different paths of nursing education and the critical shortage of nurses that our state, and country, face. UCF educates the most BSN nurses in the state of Florida and has set the goal of raising/growing the number of yearly graduates to 450. She also indicated that in addition to their education, nursing students have volunteered over 30,000 hours throughout the community. Dr. Sole also discussed the plans that are in process for building and relocating the Nursing College to Lake Nona medical facility area.

#### **BUSINESS MEETING:**

**OFFICERS REPORTS:** The following Officers Reports were presented to summarize club status for the current 2022-2023 year.

**President Report** – Linda Hennig summarized some of Club’s activities during the year. She again thanked the members for their contributions and support of the scholarships and the emergency fundraiser events. She also acknowledged and thanked the UCF Advancement/Foundation for hosting us for this meeting. Linda asked the leaders of the Interest Groups and the board members to stand up and be recognized. She also thanked the Forever Knight group of students and volunteers for UCF Advancement who were supporting our group during the luncheon.

**Vice President, Membership Report** – Karen Manglardi stated that we currently have a total membership of 155 members. She welcomed all new members in attendance and asked them, as well as guests of members, to be recognized and welcomed to the club.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Cathy Davis summarized the financial data for the club. During the 2021-2022 year a total of \$5,990 was collected for the Scholarships Funds and donated to the UCF Foundation. The club matched membership donations of \$2,500 to the Hurricane Ian Emergency Relief Fund. The current balances in our bank accounts are \$5,067 in our savings account, and \$19,932 in our checking account.

**Secretary’s Report** – Zalpha Hashem stated that the club executive board and committee meets regularly and all are welcome to attend the board meetings. She also reminded members that all board meeting minutes are posted on the website.

**Scholarships** – Maggie LeClair summarized the financial status of each of the graduate and non-graduate student scholarship funds that the club funds/supports. She indicated that our goal is to continue to grow these scholarship funds to support more deserving students.

Maggie acknowledged the contributions of our recently departed member and friend, Janice Fischer, and her leadership to create the graduate scholarship fund of the club. Maggie announced the names and winners of the Graduate Scholarships for the year. A short video presentation was shown from each of three recipients:

- Chiebuka Eyisi, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Electrical & Electronics Engineering

- Cara Munnings, School Psychology CESP Department Assistant Counselor  
Education & School Psychology
- Jocelyn Sierra-Moeller, School Psychology Collaborative Intervention Specialist  
Student College of Innovation & Education

**Interest Groups** – Donna Albert stated that all our Interest Groups (IG) are meeting and holding events. She thanked the IG leaders for their continued efforts and support. She encouraged members to walk through the IG displays and sign-up for the groups that may be of interest to them. She also indicated that she welcomes ideas of any member who wants to create a new IG.

### **CLOSING REMARKS and ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Throughout the program, Sue Chapman coordinated and announced the “give-away door prizes”. Names of members in attendance were randomly chosen to receive these door prizes. Sue thanked the members who donated these prizes for the event.

Linda Hennig, announced the following upcoming events:

- Volunteer Opportunities – November 11 at the UCF Arboretum. Women’s club participation coordinated by Teresa Riedel.
- Holiday Tea – December 7. Hosted by UCF’s First lady, and member of Women’s Club at UCF, Melinda Cartwright.
- Cookie Exchange – December 13. Hosted by Ranetta Guinn and Jen Rupert.

She also acknowledged and thanked the ladies who helped coordinate and make this luncheon meeting a lovely event. Specifically, Lauren Ferguson and Kelly Young who coordinated our venue and hosted us through the UCF Advancement and Partnerships. She also thanked Margie Sloane for taking photographs, and Cathy Davis for her coordination and donations of flowers at the main table.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Zalpha Hashem  
Secretary, Women’s Club at UCF

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ 12/09/2022  
(Date: MM/DD/YYYY)