

Women's Club at UCF, Inc

NEWSLETTER

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SAVE THE DATE

Please mark your calendar for our first ever
Women's Club at UCF Virtual Fall Meeting.

DATE: Wednesday, October 7th
TIME: 12:00 pm
COST: Free admission – just bring your own lunch
DETAILS: Join using your smart phone, tablet or computer
MORE: Zoom invitation sent in an upcoming email
Questions: Contact Kathy Littlefield
at kathyl.ucfwc@gmail.com



- ◆ Zoom Use - Orientation Meeting:

- ◆ Sept 30, 2:00 pm

*** Thank you to the artists who created these pictures,. Your work is appreciated and acknowledged.*

*I am grateful and proud to be **a part** of a wonderful organization,
but saddened the we have been **apart**.*

No matter where you live, the arrival of fall always signals a change. There is great anticipation with “Back to School” preparations. A frenzy of mobilization occurs with students on the move. Weather changes. Elections are held. Fall signals the harvest. Traffic patterns defy logic. For the Women’s Club at UCF, fall means that we resume our slate of events and activities, even if the way we meet has changed. The year 2020 has been really hard for everybody, to say the least. However, I am eager to welcome the fall and join you in our programs and Interest Groups.

From the middle of March, the pandemic has been a game changer and life as we know it was transformed. One hundred days ago, I believed that with the arrival of fall, we would be in a “different place.” With the spread of the virus and increase in the severity of the pandemic, we were challenged to accept the new reality but we continued to operate, we communicated with our membership, and we looked forward. We changed our methods, the Board continued to meet, and our newsletter was published and distributed. Board representatives called our members personally to “check in” and have a friendly conversation. Also, we designed and published a new brochure for the Women’s Club at UCF, Inc. and we shared it with every member. We welcomed new members to our organization. We expanded our opportunities when one of our leaders started another Interest Group and it is thriving. In the latter part of spring semester, we reached out to all our members to support the students in greatest need.

So many vulnerable students who were at risk of not graduating, lost their jobs, and faced both food and housing insecurity were directly impacted by the generosity of the Women’s Club members who donated to the Student Emergency Fund. *For all these efforts during a difficult time, I am so happy to be a part of the Women’s Club.*

At the present time, plans are being made by the leaders of our Interest Groups to offer new activities starting in September. New member Orientation will be announced soon. Our three Graduate Students receiving the Sheila B. Somerville Endowed Scholarship have just been announced. Truly we continue our mission of “Moving Forward By Giving Back.”

Finally, I want to acknowledge the plans for a new, unique event on October 7th at noon that will be free and open to all our members. We are certain that it will be fun, meaningful, and a true reflection of our mission. Expect an evite very soon, and then register by September 30 to attend. You will love it! Until then, stay healthy and safe.

Go Knights! Charge On! Armor Up!

Kathy Littlefield, President



Your Board Members.....For 2020-2021 Year

The board members of the Women's Club at UCF have continued to meet and execute board activities. At this time board meetings are via Zoom. We look to the future with enthusiasm and when we can resume hosting group activities in person. In the meantime, our goals are: 1) Continue our support for our Scholarship Funds and for Knights Pantry; 2) Reschedule and host a Friendship Social at the Downtown Campus when possible; 3) Resume our Interest Group Activities and events using Zoom or other social media platforms and eventually move to in-person IG programs; 4) Welcome a record number of members and guests at our annual Spring Luncheon together, not apart.

Earlier this summer, the board discussed and voted upon the membership renewal fees for this year. You received an email announcement of a reduction in dues as a result of Corona-virus/COVID-19 that has interrupted our schedule of in-person events. The board also approved two dues payment options. A reduced renewal/joining fee or our regular fee where part of your payment will be directed to our Scholarship Fund. If you have not already renewed, this is a friendly reminder to renew and submit your dues payment for 2020-2021.

The Sheila B. Somerville Endowed Scholarship awards have been announced. The three Graduate Student Awardees are: Jane Holmstrom, Aviole Pierre, and Chiebuka Eyisi. The undergraduate scholarship awardees will be announced at a later time. *Thank you members for all your support.*

Your Board members are:

Executive Board:

President.....Kathy Littlefield

Vice President.....Linda Hennig

Treasurer.....Sue Chapman

Secretary.....Karen Manglardi

Board Members:

Former President.....Teresa Riedel

Scholarship Chair.....Maggie LeClair

Historian.....Dell Shadgett

Parliamentarian.....Karen Gisell

Interest Group Chair.....Donna Albert

UCF Liaison.....Kathleen Hagerty

Sunshine Coordinator.....Gail Dressel

Website.....Zalpha Hashem

Newsletter.....Zalpha Hashem

Special Events.....Mindy Moore and Roberta Shoopman

Our board meetings are open to members. Any member who wants to observe or watch a Board meeting, can email our president at kathyl.ucfwc@gmail.com. Note that all meetings are occurring on-line.

The Women's Club at UCF: where members become friends!

.....Special Recognition.....

Those of you who know our Women's Club at UCF Secretary, Karen Manglardi, then you know how passionate she is about supporting UCF. Her sons are all UCF graduates or current students. Although she did not attend UCF, she and her family are active supporters and fans of our "Hometown Team".

This October during UCF Homecoming week, Karen Manglardi will be recognized and receive ***the John C. and Martha Hitt Honorary Alumni award for 2020!***

It is awarded to non-UCF graduates who volunteer their time, talents, and treasures to UCF.



Karen said "I never in a million years thought I would receive this! Most people who are passionate volunteers do not expect recognition. I serve UCF to build it up and support its missions."

Thank you UCF! Go Knights and Charge On

Congratulations Karen!!!

Interest Group News

As we look towards the fall, our Interest Group Leaders are defining activities and how to stay connected during these special times. A new venue of meeting and staying connected is through Zoom, an on-line software application available for free download to participants. On-line distant gatherings via Zoom is not the preferred method of meeting, but it certainly is a way to keep connected with our friends.

In order to support the club activities, the board approved purchasing a ZOOM membership for the year that allows the club to use it to schedule and run board meetings, and to schedule interest group gatherings. All current interest group leaders have committed to returning and leading their groups during our new year. They are looking forward to welcoming members back and returning to interest group activities.

Read about our newest interest group, The Searchers, on the following page. Enjoy reading some highlights and some memories of interest group events. Donna Albert, our new Interest Groups Chair, welcomes your ideas and participation. If you have an idea for a new interest group, contact Donna via email at palbertfamily@msn.com.

Interest Group News.....Armchair Travelers #1

The Armchair Travelers Group #1 will embark on its fall itinerary by showcasing how the members have spent their time during the past few months of "Traveling in Place." By way of Zoom and PowerPoint, we will share photos and memories portraying how we coped while travel plans were placed on hold. Part One is planned for October 14 and Part Two on November 11 with all members having a chance to participate.

Until we are able to meet together, we will continue to have our meetings via Zoom. Since our program schedule was established during the early summer, we look forward to another season of trips in country and abroad. Yes, we will miss the food delights that enhance the programs when meeting in person. Until then, it's "Pass the popcorn, please!"



Carol Pickler, Leader Armchair Travelers #1 IG

Interest Group News.....Golf

The Women's Club at UCF Golf Interest Group is planning to return to playing starting in November. Come join this fun golfing group.

The group plays on Thursdays at 10:00 am at various course locations in the area to include Caselberry, Dubsdread, Fairways, Twin Rivers, Winter Pines, and Winter Park. For more information please contact Darlene Bouley, interest group chair at dbouley5@gmail.com or text 407-620-2765.

Interest Group News.....Great Decisions

Great Decisions continues to meet via Zoom. We canceled March, but have met monthly since. Our topics that we read about from the text purchased from the Foreign Policy Association have included Chinese Change and Global Order, India and Pakistan, Red Sea Security, Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking, the Northern Triangle of Central America, China's Road into Latin America, The Philippines and the US and the last one, Artificial Intelligence and Data, to be discussed via Zoom on September 21.

There were 19 of us to start, but the pandemic and other obligations mean that we have about 10-12 per discussion. We will begin again in January, 2021 with 8 more topics from FPA.

Mary Meeker, Leader Great Decisions IG



Interest Group News.....Tech Curious

The Tech Curious group focuses on exploring what you can do with the everyday technology in our lives. Read about one of our most popular sessions, on page 9, about “Cutting the Cable” for information on entertainment alternatives and lower cost options.

During September, we will explore “Selling on eBay” to help members decide if they want to donate or sell the items they found while cleaning out the closets during the pandemic. This group is meeting virtually on Zoom for now but we hope to meet in person soon. For more information or to join, contact Sue Chapman at ChapmanSue@Yahoo.com or via cell at (408) 832-9597.

Interest Group News.....Daytime Bookworms

Daytime Bookworms has had a ZOOMING start to our new season. It was terrific to get together and share some of our experience during this unusual time. Mary Dipboye was our ZOOM expert. Etta Jean Juge was our discussion leader for a most timely selection, THE PROMISE OF

CHANGE by JoAnn Allen Boyce & Debbie Levy. JoAnn was a member of the Clinton 12 who integrated Clinton High School in 1956. We highly recommend it all.

Our plan is to continue on ZOOM until COVID is no longer a threat. The choices for the upcoming season, in addition to integration, cover Native American issues, women's issues and some great fiction. We think this ZOOM format is going to work just fine. Being flexible is who we are.

We are looking forward to another enlightening year with each other. Daytime Bookworms is a great group of women who share with each other their love and knowledge of literature, be it fiction or non fiction, be it poetry or prose.

Carole Goldsmith, Leader Daytime Bookworms IG



Interest Groups News.....International Gourmet

Who Doesn't Love Italian - International Gourmet's Italian Pot Luck Dinner

By: Sue Chapman

Try to remember one of your favorite memories pre-quarantine. One of mine would be the Italian Pot Luck Dinner on March 5th sponsored by the International Gourmet Interest Group. Members and spouses congregated at the Keller - Williams Advantage Realty office in Oviedo for this event, thanks to our hosts Lisa and Charlie Gantz.



Everyone brought their favorite Italian recipes which included homemade gnocchi, eggplant parmesan, lasagna, chicken piccata, pasta fagioli, meatballs and spaghetti and amaretto cookies to name a few of the delicious treats enjoyed that night. There were even some secret family recipes passed down from Italian grandmothers. And of course, there was lots of Italian wine to share as well.

For entertainment, we played Jeopardy Italian Style. Do you know what singer's real name was Francesco Stephen Castelluccio? That would be Frankie Valli. Do you know the name of the family that ruled Florence? That would be the Medicis. We also had a rousing session of "Italian Name That Tune" to see who could recognize our favorite Italian singers from the 50s and 60s. Yes, we are all that old.



The International Gourmet Group is not meeting now during the pandemic. When this is over, we will be meeting again on a bi-monthly basis on the first Thursday of the month (we alternate with the Wine Tasting Group) either in a restaurant, meeting venue or member's home. Be assured that we will always enjoy delicious food and wine regardless of where we meet. For more information on the International Gourmet Group or Wine Tasting Group, contact Sue Chapman at ChapmanSue@Yahoo.com or via cell at (408) 832-9597.

Interest Group News.....Wine Tasting



If you are a wine enthusiast or just want to know more about wine, then you should join this interest group.

Our bi-monthly meetings have included wine dinners at Carabba's, a holiday event complete with appetizers, wine tasting and Yankee gift swap, and our Valentines Wine, Cheese, Chocolate and Charades event. If you love wine, meeting and mingling with new friends and just having a good time, then this is for you. For more information or to join, contact Sue Chapman at ChapmanSue@Yahoo.com or via cell at (408) 832-9597.

Tech Curious: Cutting The Cord and Cable

By: Sue Chapman

One of the best Tech Curious sessions we ever had was the one on "Cutting the Cable". Here is a replay summary you may enjoy reading.

Are you paying too much for cable service? So you know what your alternatives are? These questions and more were covered in a recent Tech Curious session. Here are the highlights on what you need to know to "cut the cable" and lower your cable costs.

First, you need to ask yourself the following questions:

- * Do you have a Smart TV? If so, you already have access to most streaming services like Netflix or Amazon Prime.
- * Do you have any subscriptions for special movie channels?
- * How much is your cable TV portion now and what plan are you on? You need to determine how much you would need to pay for services that you now get from the cable company such as HBO, Showtime, Netflix, Hulu, Amazon Prime, Disney Plus, etc.
- * How much are you paying for the internet connection? You will need a connection to streaming services.
- * What standard live channels are your favorites? What can't you live without?
- * What are your favorite shows that you don't want to lose? Any special sporting events or channels that are favorites? Are you willing to be flexible? This will not be the same experience as cable, working with new technology/new apps and without standard live cable TV channels – like CBS, NBC, ABC.
- * Which streaming content services do you now have? Netflix, Hulu, Amazon Prime, PBS Passport? How much are you paying for those and are other family members sharing them?
- * How much recording via DVR do you do on a regular basis?
- * Are you just tired of cable? Want fewer ads, set up TVs anywhere in the house, and avoid rate hikes. Do you have more channels than you need or want?

With those answers you are ready to determine if cutting out the cable TV portion of your bill makes sense based on how much you will save.

Next review what you will need to get started:

- You will need a smart TV which start at about \$150 OR you will need a streaming device such as Roku's Streaming Stick (about \$50) or Amazon's Fire TV Stick (about \$35).
- You will also need to add some of the streaming services mentioned above that you now have.
- If you want to watch the regular programming of standard broadcast channel such as ABC, CBS, NBC then you will need an antenna which will cost between \$20 and \$100.

For more details on whether not you want to pursue "cutting the cable" to lower your cable bill, contact Sue Chapman at ChapmanSue@Yahoo.com to get the complete notes from this session. You can also access some of the source material from the session <https://www.techhive.com/article/3346020/cord-cutting-a-beginners-guide.html>

Interest Groups News.....Great Events Rewind

HIKING GROUP

The Hiking group is on hiatus at least until the end of October. Hikes will resume with a small group on an easy trail to get us back in the hiking mode. In the meantime enjoy mother nature.



CULTURAL ARTS & WELLNESS



Enjoying Trip and Tea at DeBary Mansion

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP



Friends Enjoying Lunch at Disney Springs

Word Search:

100+ Years Anniversary: Women's Right to Vote

A N A G G B I P W G N S Q D L W Z E
A L I S N B L W S S G K L U U P X G
M F I K W L T J K U K P I H C F L A
I Y Q C N A U I S Z A Y X O Y Y I R
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Key Personnel:

SUSAN B ANTHONY

LUCRETIA MOTT

ELIZABETH C STANTON

IDA B WELLS

CARRIE C CATT

ALICE PAUL

LUCY STONE

WOODROW WILSON

NAWSA

JEANETTE RANKIN

MARY A SAFFORD

WOMENS SUFFRAGE

Some Key Dates:

1848 — Seneca Falls Convention

January 10, 1878 — Senator Aaron Sargent of CA introduces resolution for amendment

1890 — Wyoming is the first state to grant women right to vote

January 1918 — First woman elected to Congress

June 10, 1919 — Wisconsin is first state to ratify Amendment

August 18, 1920 — 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution is passed



God Bless America!

**BRIGHTEN SOMEONE'S DAY,
SPREAD SUNSHINE**

**Gail Dressel
Is our Sunshine Coordinator.
If you know of a member
who needs some encouragement,
sympathy, or just some sunshine
from our club
Please email Gail at
gaildressel@att.net**

INVITE A FRIEND!

Do you have a friend or know someone who would be a good new member of the Women's Club at UCF?

- *Invite them to join!*
- *Ask them to fill out an application form on our web site, and*
- *To Pay our 2020-2021 Annual Membership Dues.*

Payment Options:

1) Checks made payable to "Women's Club at UCF, Inc."

Mail your check to:
Women's Club at UCF, Inc.
c/o Sue Chapman, Treasurer
4443 Saddleworth Circle
Orlando, FL 32826

Or,

2) On-line on our web site using PAYPAL

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

- ♦ Our annual Membership Renewal will end Sept 30.
- ♦ Please renew your membership and keep our great club active and vibrant.
- ♦ Two renewal payment options available this year only.
 - ⇒ Reduced: \$20.00
 - ⇒ Regular: \$35.00 and the club will deposit \$15.00 from your payment directly to our Scholarship Fund.
 - ⇒ Pay by Check or using Paypal on our website (Paypal amount is \$20.88 or \$36.50).

HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER?!

Our next newsletter will be published in Winter 2020

If you have news or suggestions, please contact me at zhaoviedo@aol.com.