

# Women's Club at UCF, Inc

## NEWSLETTER

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**Dr. Pamela “Sissi” Carroll, Ed.D.**, our guest speaker at the April 24th meeting, challenged us to “put on our glasses” by seeing the unique and astounding diversity in the people we meet. She shared the diverse needs, circumstances and challenges our community faces and how UCF is reaching out to recognize and help meet individual needs. Students with disabilities, students in or leaving the foster care system, students coming from poverty or first in their families to attend college, she shared some of the ways UCF is collaborating on campus and in the community to help students succeed in college. Her ability to share her experiences, as well as her enthusiasm for rethinking and reaching out brought a powerful and compassionate message to our club.

Dr. Carroll began a lifetime career in education as a teacher of middle and high school students in English classes in Tallahassee, FL. After several years, she decided that if she were able to teach teachers, at the university level, she might be able pass forward some of the enthusiasm that she felt for working with children and adolescents to others, so she returned to school and became a professor of English Education. For twenty years, Dr. Carroll served as a member of the faculty of the College of Education at Florida State University. Her research area became adolescent literature and literacy. She eventually moved into administrative roles, including department chair and associate dean of academic affairs at FSU, a large, successful, Research One University. With wonderful mentoring and support, she was able to move into the role of Dean of the College of Education at Oklahoma State University, in Stillwater, Oklahoma. There, she was fortunate to work with individuals who helped her commit to



**Dr. Pamela “Sissi” Carroll**

projects that were intrinsically meaningful and that also contributed to the people with whom she was working, such as assisting Choctaw students, or helping develop STEM programs for underserved urban populations in Oklahoma City.

In 2015, she was delighted to have the opportunity to return to Florida, with her husband, Dr. Joe Donoghue. They both accepted new positions at UCF; She is serving as Dean, College of Education and Human Performance, and Joe, a coastal geologist, is a member of the faculty in the Physics Department.

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### FALL BUSINESS MEETING AND LUNCHEON

September 18  
Fairwinds  
Alumni Center

Visit our website for more information about interest groups, calendars, member directory and the latest news!

<https://womensclub.cos.ucf.edu/>

Password for Directory and Interest Group Calendar:  
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## **SPRING BUSINESS MEETING and LUNCHEON**

### **Women's Club at UCF Officers for 2017-18**

Teresa Riedel, President

Margaret Osteen, Vice President

Lynn Moharam, Treasure

Linda Hennig, Secretary

Congratulations and thank you for your service to our club.



Dean Michael Frumkin



Scholarship recipient,  
Angela Bardwell Owens

The purpose of life is to live it, to taste it, to experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience. - Eleanor Roosevelt



The dream team that made it happen! Thank you for planning the wonderful luncheon.

## SPRING BUSINESS MEETING and LUNCHEON Cont'd



*The secret of making dreams come true  
can be summarized in four C's.  
They are Curiosity, Confidence,  
Courage, and Constancy;  
and the greatest of these is confidence.  
- Walt Disney*



## CELEBRATING ANOTHER AMAZING YEAR!

This past year has been an exciting one for our club. We now have 141 members on our roster - we added 18 new members in 2016-2017 and we already have 4 additional members who have pre-registered for 2017-2018. The women's club at UCF is continuing to grow and thrive as we approach our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year!

Our signature event this past year was actually a “non-event” event – in response to feedback received from the membership at the 2016 spring meeting, we invited you to support our scholarship efforts from the comfort of your own home by simply writing a check!

Evidently, this invitation resonated with our members because we received in excess of \$13,000 towards our scholarships! This is an outstanding response - one of the most successful scholarship development activities we've ever had as an organization. The board is truly appreciative of your support!!

Interest groups are the building blocks of friendships in our organization and we have a wide range of them. We are also always open to new ideas!

In the past year, the club has added 5 new interest groups:

- Arts & Antique Lovers
- Campus Break
- Spectator Sports Fans
- Stand Up Paddleboarding
- Tech Klutz to Tech Gifted

With almost two dozen various interest groups in all, there is something for everyone! 2016-2017 has been a year filled with fun and friendship, plus raising significant monies for scholarship development.

Thanks for all that each of you has done to make this past year so successful!

*In our last issue Kathy Weise contributed this insight: “I believe the best way to stay connected to any organization is to get involved and actively participate. In WCUCF, joining an interest group and meeting others with similar interests naturally results in some wonderful friendships. Facilitating an interest group or volunteering to serve on the board or a committee are all excellent ways to get engaged with others and help our great organization “Move Forward by Giving Back!”*

*She is certainly true to her words. As President, she stayed focused on our vision, led us to outstanding accomplishments, was on top of activities and kept the twinkle in her eyes. Thank you Kathy for your energy, time and commitment.*



### **Kudos...**

**to Merrell Bailey**, selected for the 2017 Florida Super Lawyers List. She was nominated by her peers and represents the top 5 percent of lawyers in the state. Your Caring Law Firm is a law firm founded by Mary Merrell Bailey Esq. and is located in Maitland, Florida.

She also supports the Women's Club by providing legal counsel for the club and is the leader of the Spectator Sports Fans Group. Thank you for your support of our club and congratulations for your Florida Super Lawyer designation.

**to Rio Pinar Country Club** for giving the beautiful room free of charge, thereby decreasing the cost of the luncheon. The room was lovely, the food delicious and the service spectacular! Thank you so much.

**to Margie Sloane**, winner of the 2017 Taste of Oviedo poster contest with her entry titled "Oviedo on the Park Concert". She was also the poster artist selected in 2014 and 2016. Congratulations!

*I have no special talent. I am only passionately curious. - Albert Einstein*

### **2017-2018 Membership Dues**

By July 1 you'll receive an e-mail invoice for payment of annual dues. July 1 is the beginning of our fiscal year, and dues are payable upon receipt.

Don't hesitate . . . You don't want to miss e-mail notifications, newsletters, and special events! Please consider paying by PayPal!!

**Lynn Moharam, Treasurer**



## MEET SOME OF OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

**Candace Alcorn** will soon be retiring from a position in career development with Full Sail. She is looking for new connections and learned about Women's Club from a physician at UCF Health!

**Maria Harrington** is a new professor of Digital Media in the UCF School of Visual Arts and Design. She just arrived in August after completing her doctorate degree at the University of Pittsburgh. Her daughter is a sophomore at Yale University.

**Susan Jefferson** calls Colorado home, yet she spends large parts of the year here with her childhood friend, Gail Dressel. Susan retired as Executive Assistant to the Vice President of Western Operations MCI. She loves to travel these days.

**Lisa Jones** has spent twenty-three years in higher education as teacher, mentor, writer and fund-raiser. She came to UCF in 2016 as Professor and Associate Provost for Strategy and Special Assistant to the President.

New members are introduced throughout the year both at club luncheons and via club

## INTEREST GROUPS

### GOLF

The club's golf group has enjoyed another good year of golfing at the various local golf courses. The weather has been kind to us this year, no rain and comfortable temps. We will end our season with our traditional Putt Putt and milk shakes on May 18.

Happy summer to all, and we will resume our golf in October.

If interested please call Darlene Bouley, Golf Chair, at [407-620-2765](tel:407-620-2765) or email her at [dbouley5@gmail.com](mailto:dbouley5@gmail.com)



Darlene Bouley, chair, with Mary Ann Lehman, Ellen Schatz and Pat Crepeau

## INTEREST GROUPS Continued

### DAYTIME BOOKWORMS

This was the year for changes for Daytime Bookworms - new meeting location, small group discussion, brown bagging. It seems we have adjusted well to the changes, most want to continue in this format next year.

We do have 43 members which seems large for a Book Club, but we want to stay together so we adjust.

One of the highlights of the season occurred for our discussion of SISTERS IN LAW.... we had two attorneys attend as part of our discussion. One was our own Merrell Bailey and the other, her very dear friend, Peggy Smith Bush. They added so much knowledge and understanding of how the Supreme Court works.

Our members continued with book donations to the Coalition for the Homeless at First Lady Martha Hitt's Holiday Tea. We will continue our end of the year book drive for United Way in June. The availability of books for all ages is so important to the education, pleasure and enjoyment of the recipients.

We have already started our new season of Daytime Bookworms by selecting our readings for next year. We eagerly anticipate that first discussion.

Happy summer reading to all!

Interested in joining a group? Need calendar or group contact information?  
Check out our website at <https://womensclub.cos.ucf.edu/>

### STAND UP PADDLEBOARD

**Aloha !!! Would YOU like to try Stand Up Paddleboarding? Or maybe just go for a relaxing cruise around the Winter Park Chain of Lakes? Then this is the group for you!! Everything you need is provided. A properly sized paddle and board, land and water instructions, and a guided tour with super fun and friendly instructors.**

**The paddleboard interest group is going strong and you are invited to come give it a try. On Saturday May 13th we'll be offering a Friendly First timers at Dinky Dock 410 Ollie Avenue , Winter Park , FL 32789.**

**\*\*Brand New High Quality 2017 Palm Boards**

**\*\*ONLY \$35.00 for 90 minutes, includes board, paddle, guide and a whole lot of FUN!**



## INTEREST GROUPS Continued

### INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP

Our group brought the year to an end with two activities.

In January we had our traditional pot-luck at Sigi's home. There she gave us a sensitive presentation about the Germany she remembers.



On April 8th, we visited the Buddhist Temple in Mims. We had a lovely spiritual journey.

Teresita B. Leeson & Sigi Stockhammer are the co-chairs International Friendship Group.

*Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do  
than by the ones you did do.  
So throw off the bowlines.  
Sail away from the safe harbor.  
Catch the trade winds in your sails.  
Explore. Dream. Discover.  
- Mark Twain*



## INTEREST GROUPS Continued

### NEEDLEWORK GROUP

We are winding up another wonderful year of stitching during which we worked on projects that included knitting, embroidery, crocheting, and needlepoint. As always there was good coffee, lively discussion and on-going friendship. We are looking into a “preemie project” for next year which involves crocheting small cotton octopuses designed to give comfort to tiny hands.



**Our Needlework Group sent to Bette Boston our best wishes for a Happy 86<sup>th</sup> Birthday at our April meeting. Members pictured are Darlene Bouley, Judy Kuhn, Christine Fullerton, Wendy Jamison, Mary Meeker, Ginny Holmes, Judy Kuhn, Sarah Magann, and Judy Dziuban.**

Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention to arrive safely in a pretty and well preserved body; but rather to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming 'Wow! What a ride!' - Hunter S. Thompson

### HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER?!

If you have news to share or suggestions, please let me know at

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