



# The Star Line

*The Newsletter of the University of Central Florida Women's Club*

Spring 2011

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## Closet Cleaning for Scholarships

November 11, 2010, University Seventh Day Adventist Church on University Boulevard



What a great event for a great cause! The UCFWC raised \$2,000+ for scholarships and had a lot of fun with the clothes! Clothes were also donated to the Church Outreach Program, ladies at the Center for Drug Free Living, and a few suits to Dress for Success. Everyone had fun shopping each other's closets and enjoyed the camaraderie. Several members dropped off paper in the church's recycle bin, which helps the church continue offering a food and clothing giveaway every Wednesday. Many thanks to all who helped with this effort- job well done!



Photos: Top Left- Karetta Lee looks beautiful in red! Bottom Left- Amy Foster assists at checkout. Right- Shari Hodgson and her daughter load up!



## Upcoming Events

**Mark your calendar for these upcoming events!**

**Spring Luncheon** - Tuesday, April 19, 2011  
Installation/Tour of the College of Medicine

**Glitz On-Line Auction for Scholarships**— dates TBA  
If you would like to donate an item or service, please contact Maggie LeClair at [margaret.leclair@ucf.edu](mailto:margaret.leclair@ucf.edu) or call 407-823-1911

**Holiday Tea to benefit the Coalition for the Homeless**—  
December 6 – 2pm – 4pm, Burnett House  
UCF Town and Gown and UCF Women's Club



## Message from Maggie



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- Maggie***

Dear Fellow UCFWC Members,

I want to begin by telling you all how much I have enjoyed my tenure as President of the UCF Women's Club over the past two years. I also want to tell you that I intend to stay involved and continue to enjoy the friendship extended to me as part of this wonderful organization.

We have accomplished much together – building both the undergraduate and graduate First Ladies Endowed Scholarships for non-traditional students; having presentations from the College of Sciences, the Institute for Economic Competitiveness, The College of Arts and Humanities and looking forward to a presentation from the College of Medicine. We held fundraisers and partnered with the community – the 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Church on University, host of our last Closet Cleaning Event, the Coalition for the Homeless receives assistance with reading and meals from our members and friends and several of our members have participated in Civitan events for worthy local

causes. Our Oyster Reef Restoration Project, in partnership with Dr. Linda Walters of the Department of Biology at UCF, has been rewarding and successful. We held three mat-making sessions and the Frances Millican Reef at the National Seashore is flourishing. I hope we can continue this wonderful ecological and fun effort together. Our on-line auctions contributed greatly towards awarding our three undergraduate scholarships and now businesses are contacting me to participate in the future. Our many Interest Groups are flourishing and we had such fun together at a recent trip to Epcot, there are rumblings of a road trip!

We are proud of our UCF Women's Club website, [www.ucfwomensclub.com](http://www.ucfwomensclub.com), as it continues to be updated and I invite you all to take advantage of this paper-saving technology. If you would like to post an event you feel may be of interest, please contact me and I'll be glad to walk you through the simple process.

Losing Charlie Millican this past year was a great blow to the

university, the community and to me personally. I hope you take a moment to get to know his personal side by reading the tribute I wrote recently for Town & Gown – it is included in this newsletter. He and Frances' friendship meant a great deal to so many of us and they both cherished the friendship and efforts of the UCF Women's Club. Frances was the reason I joined the club. There is a pride in membership and I urge you to stay involved and to encourage your colleagues to become a part of this organization.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Spring Installation/Tour at the College of Medicine on April 19. You will have a chance to meet your wonderful new Executive Board! Please contact Dr. Amy Foster at 407-977-5467 to RSVP.

Thank you again for all your help, encouragement and friendship. It means a great deal to me.

Warmest Regards,

*Maggie LeClair*



## What Does It Mean to be a UCFWC Member?

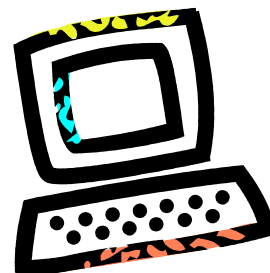
A thought from Bette Boston, our “Sunshine” member:

What has it meant to me to be a member of the Club? Well, where do I begin... the warm feeling of belonging– getting out into the outside world– sharing things with unique people– expressing myself with others who share common interests– learning something new about UCF– meeting new, ex-

citing, interesting women– keeping up with university activities with the community– involvement with women that share common goals– helping worthy students with scholarships– special interests? There is a group for that!– enjoying lovely and interesting spring and fall luncheons with motivating and interesting speakers and programs– a real feeling of community involvement– that's just a start!

When I think of the Club, my heart warms. My mind goes back to the first days of Florida Technological University, now UCF... it's now number two in the country after Phoenix (online enrollment). I'm proud to have had UCF in my life for these 44 years and celebrate its “growing up” to become and a fine and well-recognized and respected university.

Don't forget to continue to visit the **UCFWC website** at [www.ucfwomensclub.com](http://www.ucfwomensclub.com) for news and events!



### Armchair Travelers

Armchair Travelers met in the lovely home of Radelle and Ron Knappenberger on October 28th. Frank and Wendy Jamison shared their fabulous pictures and adventures in National Parks. Left to right: Wendy and Frank Jamison; Liz Payer; Trish LaBerge; Beth Barnes; Radelle and Ron Knappenberger; John and Dell Shadgett.



### Gourmet III

Gourmet III had a beautiful Valentine Dinner on February 14th hosted by Richard and Mary Agnes Turkiewicz. They 'left no stone unturned' as it was not only delicious but we were delightfully spoiled with a Valentine theme that was as classy as they come. Pictured, Dressed in Red: Mary Agnes Turkiewicz, Lynn Moharam, Jane Fuller, Dottie Stickley, Barbara Van Stryland, and Dell Shadgett. (The guys weren't in red!!)



### Hikers R Us

In early December, we traveled south of Orlando to The Nature Conservancy's Disney Wilderness Preserve. It was a beautiful day for a hike—cool, breezy and sunny. In early January, we traveled to PEAR Park near Leesburg. Again, it was a lovely day for hiking. In mid-February, we hiked the dikes at the Orlando Wetlands, and in mid-March, we hiked the 5-mile loop trail at the Merritt Island Wildlife Refuge. Photo: From the banks of Lake Russell at The Nature Conservancy's Disney Wilderness Preserve, From left to right: Judy Kuhn, Mary Meeker, Liz Payer and Sue Jacobsen.



### International Friendship



A trip to Epcot on March 3 with the International Friendship Group! Had a great day enjoying the food, the rides (no more Soarin' for Sigi!), VIP treatment at Spaceship Earth thanks to Christine Fullerton's Seimen's connection, the incredible topiaries and flowers and especially the friendship. Pictured, L to R: Ali Armstrong; Mary Dipboye; Elaine Gallagher; Maggie LeClair; Dell Shadgett; Beth Barnes; Christine Fullerton; Teresita Leeson; Sigi Stockhammer

International Friendship Group Updates



### Oyster Mat Session III

Another Oyster Mat Session on November 14! Together with several of Dr. Linda Walters' research students, we made 160 mats. Linda commented that every time the UCF Women's Club is involved, expectations are surpassed. In addition to giving our fingers a work-out, all the food treats brought by the Women's Club

probably helped the students complete an extra mat! Lots more shoreline protected and reefs restored! Thank you to all those who participated!



Pictured: Above- Liz Payer and Dr. Linda Walters. At left- David Kuhn, Maggie Le-Clair, Tim Michaud (Maggie's godson), Mike Stevens

### Fall Luncheon

A good time was had by all as we celebrated Friendship and Achievement at the 2010 Fall Luncheon at the Fairwind's Alumni Center on September 28, 2010. We were highly entertained by the charming and talented Jeff



Rupert as he spoke on 'Women in Jazz.' We were deeply touched by the speeches given by two of our three undergraduate scholarship winners, Whitney Brammer and Kellie Oliver (Santrell Atkins was in class). Nancy Marshall and Teresa Dorman helped the scholarship coffers by donating part of the purchases of Glascots and necklaces – thank you ladies! Weren't the Interest Group tables fabulous? Kudos to all, especially Liz Medlock who is so creative and fabulous to work with in planning such an event – you rock Liz! Thank you to all who sent notes letting me know you had a wonderful time – one of my favorites from Bette Boston: "Wow! What a fantastic party - I've been going to these things for years and this was, by far, the most lovely and "classy" I've ever attended. Good job. Perfect luncheon. Wonderful program...Thanks for a most memorable event. Please feel appreciated."

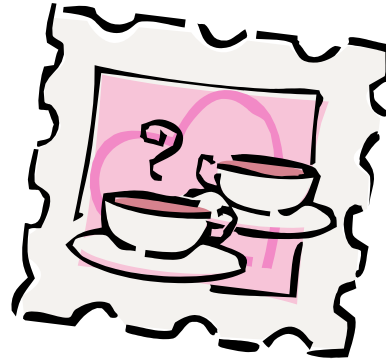


### Tea at the Polasek

The UCF Women's Club filled three tables at the Albin Polasek Museum and Sculpture Garden's 'Tea at the Polasek' on December 4, 2010. We enjoyed a Victorian style afternoon tea in the historic, lakeside sculpture gardens, featuring tea, champagne, finger sandwiches, scones and desserts. We donned our hats and our pearls and had a

delightful time. We're hoping Debbie Komanski holds this event again next year!

Photos- Above, the UCFWC centerpiece; Right, Sarah Magann, Dell Shadgett, Nancy Gerber, Etta Jean Juge, Beryl Colbourn, Maggie LeClair



### Holiday Cookie Exchange

Carolyn and Dick Huseman once again opened their lovely home to host the UCFWC Cookie Exchange in December 2010.

We have some talented bakers in the group and a good time was had by all!

Above: Dell Shadgett and Carolyn Huseman opening the gate. Right: The ladies in red exchanging cookies.





## In Memory of Dr. Charles Millican



When Dr. Charles Millican reflected on the honors recently bestowed upon him— the naming of Millican Hall, the bronze statue, the John Young History Maker Award and the UCF Alumni Champion's Award— he wondered aloud what he had done to deserve such accolades. He was completely taken aback by the responses, which came hard and fast- “Charlie, you influenced me to return to school”; “What would this community have been without UCF?”; “You helped partner the university with the community”; “I wouldn’t have the job

I’ve loved for so many years.” He was truly humbled and appreciative of the fact that his life’s work meant so much to so many people in so many different ways.

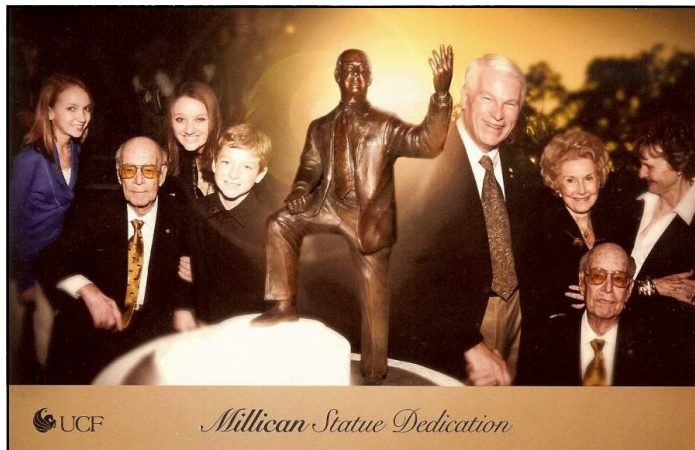
When Frances died, I, Dell Shadgett, Roger Pynn, Doshie Wright and Nancy Marshall formed Charlie’s Angels. Our main purpose way to stay involved in Charlie’s life, keep him updated on what was happening at the university, deliver food— he had a particular fondness for Crisper’s Potato Soup and Chocolate Chunk Cookies— and to generally keep his spirits high. Truth be told, he did as much to keep our spirits high, asking not only about the university but inquiring as to the wellbeing of our own families.

When sadness creeps in at his loss, and it does frequently, I think back on the many wonderful discussions we had over the years— he could discuss subjects from world politics to the care and feeding of a mother cat and her kittens which had strayed into his garden— and count my blessings for his friendship, his wisdom and his sense of humor. He was beloved by the people at the University of Central Florida and in the Orlando community. The loss of Charlie Millican will be felt for many years but he would not want us to mourn but rather to celebrate a life well lived. I don’t think any of us will ever hear “When the Saints Go Marching In” without thinking of Charlie and smiling.

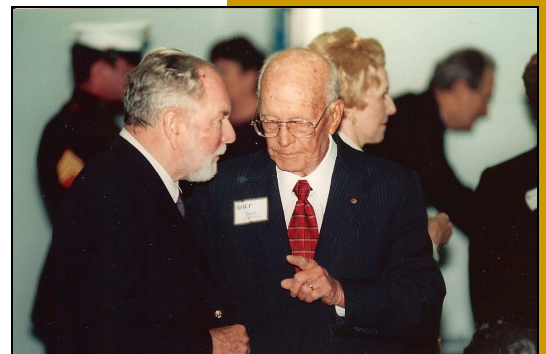
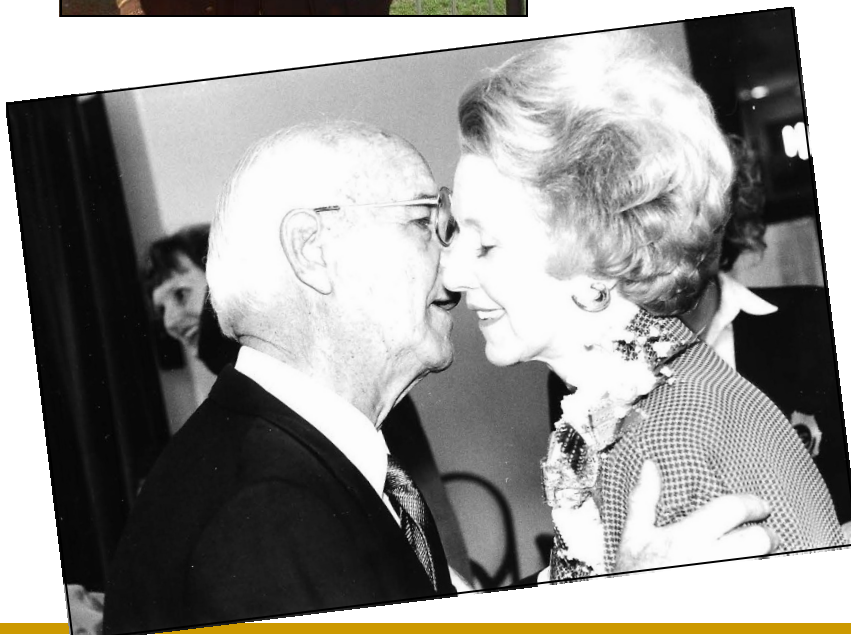
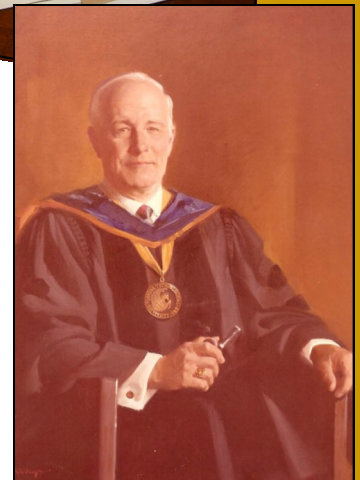


Charlie Millican was a father figure to the University of Central Florida. He was also an important father figure to Jeff and Gina Grasty and a wonderful grandfather to their children, Madison, Haley and William. At a recent dinner table conversation, young William commented, “I know what Grandpa Charlie is doing right now— he’s busy on his star, founding the University of Central Heaven.”

- Maggie LeClair



Dr. Charles Millican  
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## Sunshine Report from Bette Boston

*If you know a club member in need of some sunshine, please contact Bette to let her know!*



Olive Gambrell – Friendship

Judith Brit - Get Well

Martin Stickley - Friendship

Sarah Brown – Sympathy

Mary Ann and Larry Cottrell – Best Wishes, Moving

Pam Hanson-Phillips- Get Well

Ann O'Leary Smith- Get Well

Nancy Gerber- Cheer

Pat LaBerge- Sympathy

## Welcome Django Brodie Rupert!

UCFWC congratulates proud parents  
Jeff and Jen Rupert.



## Kudos Corner– UCFWC Congratulates Our Members!



Judit Szente– pictured at left– with her award given at the International Breakfast for her commitment to internationalization. Judit also received tenure and a promotion!

Dr. Deborah Beidel- Professor and Clinical Ph.D. Program Director, Clinical Psychology has received a \$3.5 million research grant from the Department of Defense. This research program will utilize state of the art virtual reality programs to examine a behavioral treatment program for veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts who have developed Post Traumatic Stress Disorder as a result of their combat experiences."

Dr. Amy Foster- received tenure and was promoted to Associate Professor of History. We are so proud of our Treasurer!



## Mission Statement:

The mission of the University of Central Florida Women's Club is to support the advancement of the University's ideals and goals and to provide scholarships benefitting non-traditional students of the University of Central Florida. We welcome members from the community as well as the University and provide opportunities for sharing interests and developing friendships.



The Star Line is a publication of the University of Central Florida Women's Club. Thanks to all members for their assistance with this edition!

We welcome your submissions– articles, updates, photos, and other information is all welcome! Please contact April Plourde (Keiffer) at [aprilkeiffer@gmail.com](mailto:aprilkeiffer@gmail.com)