



The Star Line

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

Winter 2009

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Welcome New UCFWC Members!

Anita Chandler
Chantal Delva
Carole Goldsmith
Regina Gross
Betty Huff
Wendy Jamison
Radelle Knappenberger
Jamie O'Neal
Charlotte Ray
Judy Simonet
Christine Spiegelberg
Patricia Urdzik

Holiday Tea to Benefit Coalition for the Homeless



Please join us at the Holiday Tea to Benefit Coalition for the Homeless. The tea will be held on December 15, 2009 from 2pm-4pm at the Burnett House. Holiday attire is suggested. Please note that the Holiday Tea is a UCFWC Members Only event.

Brent Trotter, Debbie Melton Leon, Muffet Robinson and Marty Vevera will be attending from the Coalition.

Together with Town & Gown, we raised over \$4,000 last year. Let's try to increase that amount this year! The Coalition is a dedicated organization doing spectacular things during a difficult time.

Wish List

Disposable diapers, size 2 and up
Pull ups - all sizes
Baby wipes

Don't Forget the Cookie Exchange! And Other Upcoming Events

Cookie Exchange— Thursday, December 10, 2009
5:00pm, Hosted by Carolyn Huseman. Bring 3 dozen of your favorite holiday cookies/goodies (and the recipe if you wish to divulge it). Take a box of cookies/goodies home with you! RSVP (or more info): Dell Shadgett (407) 671 0461 by Dec 7th. dellshadgett@earthlink.net

Annual Holiday Tea - Tuesday, December 15, 2009
2:00pm - 4:00pm, The Burnett House
Hosted by Martha Hitt to benefit the Coalition for the Homeless

Glitz On-Line Auction for Scholarships - March 1, 2009 - March 11, 2010

Spring Installation Luncheon - Tuesday, April 13, 2009,
11:00am - 1:30pm, Lake Nona County Club, Hosted by
Bette and Peter Panousis





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 - Maggie

Message from Maggie

Greetings Fellow UCF Women’s Club Members,

The last two months have really flown by and I have enjoyed every minute of my association with this fine group.

Dr. Linda Walters captured our attention, our imagination and our enthusiasm for becoming involved in a truly unique and worthwhile environmental project. Please see Page 7 for pictures of our mat-making session at the Ruperts.

Sometime in the spring of 2010, we will realize the goal of having our UCF Women’s Club Reef become a reality. We intend to put together a beach weekend in the spring to actually help lay the mats – and no, it will not involve wearing a wet suit! It will, however, involve the reward of a good meal and maybe a margarita (or two) at the end of the day.

Our interest groups are flourishing: I hear good reports

from several of our new members that they are thoroughly enjoying their groups. Sigi has a 16 member Gourmet Group who are all having fun and becoming fast friends; Evening Bookworms has taken up Connie Washam’s challenge to start a “bag o’ money for scholarships” collection at the end of the meeting; Dinner on the Town met at Munroe’s (Route 46) and enjoyed the surroundings, the food and the conversation. Don’t be shy about shooting me an e mail or picking up the phone to let me know how your group is doing. I’d love to hear from you.

Our endowed undergraduate scholarship should look somewhat healthier after the first quarter investments/earnings but may not yet be at the level to generate spendable funds. We must therefore continue the task of fund raising in order to continue to award our scholarships. I am already receiving items for the March On -Line Auction. Please let me

know if you have an item you would like to donate. I’ll be communicating further on the Auction within the next couple of weeks. The “clock” has been stopped on our Endowed Graduate Scholarship but we will be rewriting the Memo of Understanding and proceeding with fund raising for this scholarship also. I hope you will continue to be generous to either or both these scholarships. You’ve seen the results of our efforts on the faces of our scholarship winners. Two of the young ladies awarded scholarships at our fall luncheon joined the club and you will see them both serving at the Holiday Tea.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a safe and very happy holiday season.

How ‘Bout Those Knights!

Warmest Regards,

Maggie LeClair

Millican Statue Unveiled

It was a lovely evening and a lucky Friday the 13th for the momentous occasion of the Charles Millican Statue Dedication. Friends and family of Dr. Charles Millican, the University of Central Florida’s first President, and his wife Frances, gathered in front of Millican Hall, to honor him as a beautiful bronze statue was unveiled. The statue, sculpted by Don Reynolds, was of Dr. Millican ‘Reaching for the Stars.’ The crowd was surprised when portions of the labyrinth platform lit up to reveal ‘the stars.’ Dr. Millican delivered an unscripted, heart-warming speech in which he expressed his gratitude for the honor.

The idea for the statue came from Ron Page of Herff Jones and was strongly endorsed by Roger Pynn of Curley & Pynn. Both Ron and Roger are alums and strong supporters of UCF. The event was made possible by Tom Messina and the UCF Alumni Office and Robert Holmes and the UCF Foundation.

Anyone who wishes to contribute may contact Kim Minana at the UCF Foundation.



Above: Dr. Charles Millican, with Ron Page (behind) and Roger Pynn on right

International Friendship



Photo Left: Back L to R Maggie LeClair, Dell Shadgett, Table Guide Jumoke Faborode, Amy Foster, Anne Rinalducci. Front L to R Sigi Stockhammer, Mary Dipboye, Rosa Bellino-Giordano
Photo Below: Dr. M.C. Santana and Dr. Amy Foster



Melodious Turkish guitar music, greetings from a lovely Nigerian graduate student dressed in a shimmering pink and blue dress, Chinese acrobats balancing plates at impossible angles....it was all part of the Kickoff Breakfast on Nov. 16 that launched UCF's International Education Week. Eight members of the Club's International Friendship Interest Group joined with over 300 others of the UCF community attending the breakfast in the Pegasus Ballroom at the Student Union to celebrate cultures and to recognize the work of people on campus and in Orlando who are forging global connections. The keynote speaker, Ron Soodalter, delivered a hard hitting account of modern-slavery in the U.S. He is the co-author of "The Slave Next Door: Human Trafficking and Slavery in America Today."

On Wed., Jan. 13, International Friendship members will gather at the home of Teresita Leeson for an International Potluck. For more information, contact Teresita at tleeson@earthlink.net or Mary Dipboye at mdipboye@yahoo.com

Gourmet I, II and III



The Gourmet I group met at the Rosen College of Hospitality's Brunch on November 15, 2009. The food was good, but the company was better as we remembered our long-time friend Sheila Somerville. Left Picture (from left to right, starting at the top row) are: Dick Tucker, Essam Radwan, Ed Rinalducci, Lee Armstrong, David Kuhn, Beverly Tucker, Wendy Radwan, Anne Rinalducci, Ali Armstrong, Larry Cottrell, Judy Kuhn, Teresita and John Leeson, Jane and Richard Denning, and Mary Ann Cottrell.

Six couples attended the 'launch' party of Gourmet II at the Stockhammers on Sat, Nov 7. We enjoyed delicious appetizers and Sigi's standby, the 'Wiener Apfelstrudel mit Schlag'. We will probably have eight couples and our first official dinner will be in January 2010. We cannot wait!

A contingent of Gourmet III gathered for a delightful Polish evening arranged by Richard and Mary Agnes. Their delicious Polish appetizers and Polish drinks were followed by a superbly planned, and tasty, evening at Palmanos Polish Restaurant in Casselberry. Right Pictured I-r Dottie and Martin Stickley, John Shadgett, Richard and Mary Agnes Turkiewicz, Eric Van Stryland, Dell Shadgett, Barbara Van Stryland.



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Fall Luncheon 2009



Left: Jen Rupert and Dr. Amy Foster show off their handiwork after completing an oyster mat at the Fall Luncheon. For more details on the Oyster Reef Restoration Project, please turn to page 7.

Below: UCFWC President, Maggie LeClair, with First Ladies Frances Millican and Martha Hitt, congratulate the UCFWC Scholarship winners Chantal Delva, Jennifer Green and Patricia Urdzik.



Spring Luncheon 2010 Featuring Dr. Sean Snaith College of Business Administration

Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. –1:30 p.m.
Lake Nona Country Club
Hosted by Bette and Peter Panousis

Dr. Sean Snaith is the Director of the Institute for Economic Competitiveness at the University of Central Florida's College of Business Administration. He is a widely recognized national expert in economics, forecasting, market sizing and economic analysis who authors quarterly reports about the Florida and U.S. economies.

Dr. Snaith frequently appears in national and regional media and is sought after as a speaker. Renowned for his engaging presentations, one business editor wrote, "Snaith (has) an uncanny knack of making economics not only understandable but interesting."

WE DID IT! Oyster Reef Restoration Project Update



Above: Group including Boyd Lindsley and Peggy Stevens (in back-ground), Jackie Young, Samantha Yuan, Maggie Le-Clair, Mary Stevens, and Mary Ann Hostetler

Right: Liz Payer works on an oyster mat. Almost to the total goal!

A hardworking group of members and friends of UCF Women's Club met at the home of Jeff and Jen Rupert to construct what we felt sure would be lots of oyster reef mats for the Oyster Reef Restoration Project. What we did not expect was to reach our goal of 200 mats in one session! I'm certain everyone went home tired, with dry, sore hands but with an amazing sense of accomplishment.

With this great goal reached, the UCFWC now has naming rights to a reef. If there is anyone who still wants to be involved in this project, there will be opportunities later. We have asked Judy Kuhn to help with a reef trip so we can actually help lay some of the mats. We are hoping

she agrees! That will not be until spring 2010.

Special Thanks to Jen and Jeff Rupert, who hosted our group at their lovely home on the lake. Jeff makes terrific salsa and hummus! Jen's banana bundt cake and pizza rolls were a big hit also! Their cute and adorable son, Preston helped too...even Kosmo, their Australian Shepherd was out there cheerleading! We are sure everyone is a little creaky afterward, but when we looked up and saw all those mats, I think we even surprised ourselves that we had actually finished! Seems like we surprised Dr. Walter's also!

For more information on the project, please visit http://www.nature.org/wherework/northamerica/states/florida/files/oyster_restoration_fact_sheet.pdf



Thanks to Our Wonderfully Motivated Mat Making Group- You were truly inspirational!

Scholarship Award Winners Announced!

Time goes by very quickly as, once again, it was time for the UCF Women's Club Fall Luncheon held at the UCF Student Union in the lovely Key West Ballroom, on September 29. The celebration was a time to recognize the good work of the Club in their tireless efforts to raise money for scholarships benefitting non-traditional students. The event highlighted the UCF Women's Club significance for the students who benefit from the award of scholarships, and also served as a reminder of the great strides the Club has made in the last 40 years.

The Scholarship Committee had the grueling task of selecting only three candidates from the more than 240 worthy applicants. Once selected, the three scholarship award winners received a \$1,500 scholarship. Award winners were Jennifer Green, Chantal Delva and Patricia Urdzik, who were introduced to WCFWC members at the luncheon. Jennifer is a Humanities Major from Port St. John who dreams of becoming a college professor, wife and mother. A junior this year, Jennifer is grateful to have received the scholarship that will let her continue her education and reach her dreams. Originally from St. Martin, Chantal Delva is the first in her family to attend college. Chantal is a junior majoring in pre-med and is striving to become a neonatologist due to her passion for helping babies. Patricia Urdzik is earning her degree in Anthropology and is a student in the Burnett Honors College. A non-traditional student, Patricia is a single mother and U.S. Army Veteran. Immediately upon graduation, Patricia plans on receiving her M.A. degree and PH.D. at the University of Florida Anthropology program.

The UCF Women's Club, Board of Directors, and Scholarship Committee offer their congratulations and wish these young ladies continued success!





Sunshine Report from Bette Boston

Lynn Moharam - Friendship
 Dr. Millican - Congratulations
 Beryl Colbourn - Friendship
 Lois Engley - Get Well

In Memory of Sheila Somerville

Sheila, a long-time Club member, quietly succumbed to cancer on November 13, 2009. She was at home, surrounded by family members at the time of death. Sheila was 78 and had she and Paul had been married for 55 years.

Sheila was very "proper" and "correct" in what she did, and she always strove to appear gracious to everyone. She was a lovely person and was always willing to help out, especially with the UCF Women's Club activities. In our Club, she was a member of the Originals and of Gourmet I (she bakes a mean Finnan Haddie). She was also active in the Oviedo Women's Club.

Although in somewhat fragile health for years, she had a zest for life, and she and Paul traveled to 58 countries. She was a good bridge player and quite the avid football fan, having attended the UCF games since the football program began.

She is survived by husband Paul, daughter Deborah and her husband Luis Velez, son David and his wife Sylvia Somerville, brother Peter Craig Bell, and grandchildren Natalia, Christopher, Cristina, Alison, Victoria, and Nalina.

Family members hope to plan a gathering for family and friends after Thanksgiving. Anyone wanting to remember Sheila is urged, in lieu of flowers, to make a donation to: Hospice of Health First, Inc., 1900 Dairy Road, Melbourne, FL 32904 (telephone 407-952-0494) or your local "not-for-profit" hospice in her name: Sheila Doreen Somerville.



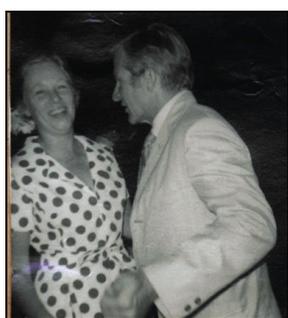
Mission Statement:

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



In Memory of Jo Dutton

Jo Dutton was a member of the UCF Women's Club and a keen Gourmet Interest Group participant. Jo and Art shared a passion for dancing. They will be long remembered for their elegance at the UCF President's Balls and the demonstration dance they performed for the UCF Retirement Association. Long after they retired, when Jo put on her dancing shoes, she looked like a school girl! She and Art also shared a passion for making the world a better place and their efforts have benefitted us all.

Jo is pictured at left with her husband, Art Dutton.

Kudos Corner— UCFWC Congratulates Our Members!

Dr. Amy Foster— has had her book "Women Astronauts Wanted: Politics and Logistics in NASA's Astronaut Corps, 1972-2004" accepted for publication. (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press), forthcoming in 2010.

Dr. Kimiko Akita — has had her book "Naked Voices: Women's Social Interactions in the Onna Yu" accepted for publication. Kimiko won the \$3,000 prize in a SUNY Press dissertation to book competition.

