



Women's Club at UCF, Inc.
Star Line
 Newsletter

Fall 2013



Fall Luncheon 2013

On September 10, 2013, the Women's Club at UCF, Inc., held its annual fall luncheon at the Fairwinds Alumni Center. After a busy, hot summer, it was a wonderful opportunity for long time members to catch up on each other's news and to welcome newcomers. Interest groups were formed, scholarship recipient, Yvette Solis, thanked the club for its financial support, and Dr. Daniel Britt, a UCF professor of physics, delighted the group with an entertaining discussion on meteorites. Who knew rocks could be so interesting!



Yvette Solis, scholarship recipient



Beth Barnes, Christine Fullerton, and Judy Simonet



Sarah Magann, Dell Shadgett, and Nancy Marshall



Noreen Hodapp and Darlene Bouley



Mary Meeker, Jan Oddo and Debbie Caruana



Nancy Marshall and Dr. Daniel Britt, guest speaker

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President's Message



Dear Club Members and Friends,

It is such a pleasure for me to be a member of this motivated, caring, and enthusiastic group and a privilege to be its president. I have enjoyed the ability to be of service to the university, to be involved in fund-raising for such a worthy cause, and to have forged some fantastic friendships.

This group has proven it is up to the challenges that lie ahead. We have made great strides in funding both our undergraduate and graduate scholarships and we will continue the effort to ensure that they are awarded each year.

There are exciting opportunities available when you are a part of this club and you can participate as often or as little as you choose. Our numerous and varied interest groups offer something for everyone. There are also many occasions for your spouse, significant other, and friends to join you in our activities.

Looking forward to another great year.

Best wishes,

Nancy L. Marshall

Moving forward by giving back

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars, ladies!
Stay tuned for more details.



Holiday Tea

Once again, Martha Hitt has generously opened her lovely home, the Burnett House, for the Women's Club at UCF to kick off a festive party season. The annual Holiday Tea is scheduled for Monday, December 2, from 2-4 p.m. It's a wonderful time to sip tea and enjoy treats while mingling with friends and welcoming new ones. Plan to donate to the Coalition of the Homeless. The Women's Club is legendary for its generosity for less fortunate families who might be struggling through the holidays.



Holiday Cookie Exchange Dec 12--5-7pm

Sugar and spice and everything cookies! The traditional cookie exchange will be held at Carolyn Houseman's home so break out your yummiest recipe, and prepare to go to sugar heaven!



A Cowboy Holiday Fun(D)Raiser – YeeHaw! Dec 7, 2-6pm

On Saturday, December 7, 2013, plan to don your cowboy attire and attitude and attend a unique event on the beautiful property at the home of Connie Whitemen. Enjoy hayrides, music, and the best bar-b-q in town. Raising funds for scholarships will be a rootin' tootin' event.



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5th Annual Clothing Sale

Start cleaning your closets, ladies! Our 5th Annual Clothing Sale will be held February 28 and March 1, 2014, at Tuskawilla Presbyterian Church. Please save new and gently used clothing and accessories and ask your friends to do the same. Plan to volunteer, it's the most fun you will have all year sorting through mountains of classy clothing and treasure-filled paper bags. All monetary proceeds will directly benefit our scholarships. Unsold clothing will be donated to worthwhile causes.

For more information, contact Dell Shadgett at dellshadgett@gmail.com or call 407-671-0461.



Women's Club at UCF, Inc. Glitz On-Line Auction Dec 1 – Dec 10, 2013

Please send (or deliver to Maggie LeClair in the College of Sciences) three auction items for inclusion in this year's on-line auction for scholarships.

If you cannot manage three items, we'll be happy to accept even one item for the cause. The items will be displayed in the College of Sciences Dean's Office main reception area for the duration of the auction. Several items will be available at the December 7 Holiday Fun(d) event.

If you have any questions, please contact Maggie – or 407-823-1911 (UCF) or 407-353-5670 (cell).





Interest Groups

Women's Club at UCF

You will find that the Women's Club at UCF, Inc is one of the friendliest group of women who have ever gathered for fun and fund raising. The number and diversity of club offerings ensures that there is something for everyone and we hope that you will find a group that piques your interest. Whether you want to make friends, get healthy, or explore the world, we invite you to sign up and get in on the fun. Take a look and see what appeals.

Beauty, Health, and Fitness

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This interest group meets monthly in homes or commercial establishments for the purpose of having fun while learning about ways to live healthier lives as well as learning beauty tips. Activities include hair-style and skin care analysis, exercise, beauty treatments, spa sessions, and healthy cooking classes. Members of the group decide which topics to address each meeting, choose a speaker or session leader, and determine a meeting site.



Mary Meeker
and Liz Payer
at the
Pegasus
Health Center



Armchair Travelers

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Our group meets once a month in the evening. Usually, the person presenting the program hosts the event at her home. Husbands and friends are invited. We travel to different places around the world via a slide show presentation showcasing photos taken when the host was on vacation. Light food and drinks are provided, typically in keeping with the theme of the featured destination. Last year we "traveled" to the American Northwest, Switzerland, Mexico, and Africa. Join us for some virtual adventures. No passports needed! We meet on the 4th Monday of the month from 7 - 9 pm.



Airplane travel is nature's way of making you look like your passport photo. -- Al Gore, environmental activist

Interest Groups

Take A Hike

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Take a Hike is a group of women who enjoy being out in nature, and the Central Florida area affords many opportunities to explore and enjoy nature at a leisurely pace. We take a moderate hike once a month between October and May. In the past year, we visited the Merritt Island Wildlife Refuge, Bok Tower Gardens, Carson Springs Farm, Payne's Prairie, and Eatonville. We'd love to have you join us for some new adventures this year.

Wednesday Walkers

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Our goal is to have fun, get fit, and show off our fitness by walking or running the Lady Track Shack 5k, an event held each February in Winter Park to benefit breast cancer research. We begin slowly and build gradually. We meet in the Dillard's parking lot at 7a.m. at the Oviedo Mall each Wednesday. Rain, shine, sleet, or snow—we'll be there 'cause we're tough! Bring a Women's Club friend or potential Women's Club member with you as we walk, talk, and work to stay healthy.

Mah Jongg Evening –

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We meet every two weeks with members taking turns hosting. Usually a light meal is provided. We have a social gathering then play 3-4 games. We do not play Tournament Mah Jongg: emphasis is more on the social aspect than actually playing. We take donations for the Women's Club at UCF scholarship program.



Bookworms (Day)

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Daytime Bookworms meet monthly to discuss either a fiction or nonfiction book selection that has been chosen by the group. The hostess and co-hostess provide a light luncheon during which time there is an opportunity to socialize. Following the luncheon we have the book discussion, which is led by one of the members. Some of the selections lend themselves to inviting a guest discussion leader or a field trip to a location or an event related to the book.



Bookworms (Night)

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Evening Bookworms meets once a month for fine food and discussion. We typically meet at someone's home and share a potluck style meal often related to the theme of our book of the month. We welcome all books, all food, and all friends for a good read!

Interest Groups

Theatre Group

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The Women's Club at UCF, Inc. offers the opportunity for us to meet and make new friends. Relatively new members get to know more seasoned members by joining a group such as the Theatre Group and attend quality performances at UCF. The Theatre Group attends the Main Stage productions and several Black Box performances. We occasionally meet for dinner (friends and spouses always invited) before the performance. Won't you join us?



Golf Group

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The Golf Group offers women in our club the opportunity to learn to play the game of golf or hone their skills and then to play the game on a regular basis during the late fall, winter, and spring.

Last year, the women in Golf Group completed a series of seven clinics at Tee It Up driving range, located in Oviedo. Ron LeClair, generously donated his time as our instructor and said we all passed with flying colors! We then headed out to the links at Casselberry Golf Club, Deer Run Country Club, Winter Park Country Club and Winter Pines Golf Club. If you'd liked like to learn the sport, this group is "Fore" you!



The reason a golf pro tells you to keep your head down is so you can't see him laughing.

-Phyllis Diller, comedian



Chick Flicks

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Have you heard about a movie that you really want to see but just never take the time to go? Chick Flicks might be just the interest group for you. It provides the opportunity for friends to go to movies of their choice and perhaps out for a bite to eat after, depending on the time and place. So pull out those movie theater guides and join us.



Interest Groups

International Friendship

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This group thinks globally and acts locally! We gather to experience and share the customs and cuisines of other cultures and countries. We meet in a variety of settings: in members' homes, on campus, and in the community. Activities range from attending events during International Education Week, to holding an international potluck, to hearing a speaker on an international topic. Spouses and friends are occasionally included.



Mah Jongg (Day)

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The daytime Mah Jongg Group meets every Tuesday afternoon from 1:30 to 6pm. We play year round (vacations and time off should be cleared in advance) but we are lenient.



Great Decisions

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Please consider joining the **Great Decisions** discussion group presented by the Foreign Policy Association (FPA). The FPA is a non-profit organization dedicated to inspiring the American public to learn more about the world. Founded in 1918, FPA serves as a catalyst for developing awareness and understanding, and providing informed opinions on global issues.

Through its balanced, nonpartisan programs and publications, the FPA encourages citizens to participate in the foreign policy process. FPA's blog network tracks global developments from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe and everywhere in between. The Great Decisions briefing book highlights eight of the most thought-provoking foreign policy challenges facing Americans today and serves as the focal text for discussion groups by providing background information, expert analysis, and suggested discussion questions for each foreign policy issue. We'd love to have you join in the thought-provoking discussions.



Originals

Jane Fuller



The Originals began under the tenure of Dr. Charles Millican when the school was named Florida Technological University and consists of members of the Women's Club only at UCF from that era.

Interest Groups

Needlework Group

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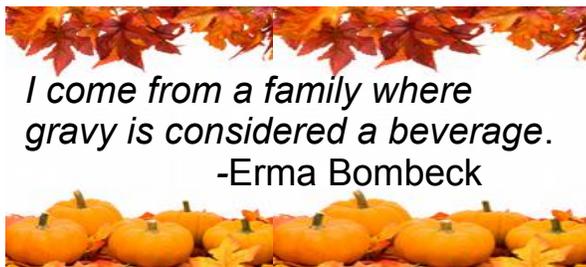
The Needlework Group is a fun and relaxed group. Our members knit, crochet, do needlepoint, or quilt. We share patterns, learn new techniques, and help each other if someone has a problem. We always have coffee and a morning treat. Our meetings are usually held on the second Monday of each month from 10 a.m. – noon. The members take turns hosting in their homes.



Gourmet Group IV

A new gourmet group is being formed. Should you be interested in joining this new group, contact Mary Meeker at 407-671-2421 or mhmeeker@cfl.rr.com. Group IV members will have the opportunity to establish operating procedures to include meeting times, etc.

Please note: Gourmet I, II, and III are at capacity.

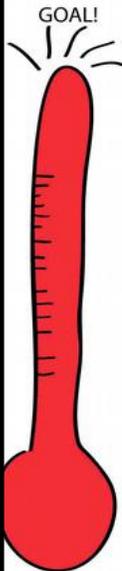


*I come from a family where
gravy is considered a beverage.*
-Erma Bombeck

Take a look at a seasonal fundraiser recommended by one of our club members. Consider donning your costume and joining the fun for a good cause.

Kudos Korner

Congratulations to Yvette Solis, this year's winner of the Women's Club at UCF's Graduate Scholarship. Yvette was a speaker at the Fall DiversiTea Event. Her topic was *Call Me Roma, Not Gypsy - Dispelling Myths and Revealing the Truth.*



\$50 Match Challenge – Let's Do It!

To commemorate UCF's 50th anniversary, the Women's Club at UCF has started a \$50 for \$50 Match Challenge in the Sheila B. Somerville Endowed Graduate Scholarship.

What does this mean? For every \$50 you (or a group) donate to this scholarship, \$50 will be matched. We have already raised over \$1,200.00. If every member donated \$50, we would reach \$6,750.00, which translates to \$13,500.00!! Together we can do this.

Please send in a donation (in any amount) to Maggie LeClair at the College of Sciences, P.O. Box 161997, Orlando, FL 32816-1997 or to the UCF Foundation – specifying the Women's Club Graduate Scholarship - and it will be matched! Checks should be made out to the UCF Foundation.



Horse Management 101

Ever wanted to know which end of a horse is which? Now is your chance. For a donation of \$20.00 (per student) to the Women's Club at UCF Scholarship fund, you (adult, child, teenager, grandchild) can learn more about horse management: How to groom (brush, pick hooves, etc.), feed, water, hay, general care, parts of a horse, dos and don'ts around a horse, and horse gaits – maybe get a chance to sit on a nice horse. Please contact Maggie LeClair at 407-353-5670. Groups of four preferred.

Win
A
Prize!



Be the first person to email margie.sloane@gmail.com and identify what this is and where it's located on campus.

Want to advertise your business or event right here? For \$25, you can get a business card size space in the newsletter. The cost of your ad will go toward our scholarship fund for non-traditional students at UCF. Email margie.sloane@gmail.com for more info.

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Women's Club at UCF, Inc., is to support the advancement of the university's ideals and goals and to provide scholarships benefiting 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.

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I look forward to showcasing this vibrant group of women in the year ahead and welcome any comments or suggestions you may have. Feel free to send me articles and photos of club activities, accomplishments, and events.

