

**Women's Club at UCF, Inc.**  
**Fall Luncheon and Meeting**  
**September 20, 2021**  
**Tusawilla Country Club, Winter Springs, FL**

These are the minutes for the Fall Luncheon Meeting held on September 20, 2021. The doors were opened at 10:30 or so. IG Leaders set up their displays and all administrative functions to check in members and guests upon arrival were put in place. Sue Chapman ensured set up for speakers to be ready and that any needed final touches/coordination that was needed. Cathy Davis, treasurer, was coordinating attendees, name tags, and ensuring receipt of any outstanding payments. Karen Gisel and Roberta Shoopman set up baskets, and prepared to hand-out "chance to win" tickets to members who wish to participate in the raffles of the baskets. Money collected from the event will be donated to the club's scholarship funds.

Members and guests started to arrive at 11:00. They were met and welcomed by Sue Chapman and other board members in attendance. Some members brought "dry good" donations for the Knight's Pantry which was collected up-front. They engaged in mingling with friends, meeting new people, and viewing the different Interest Group Displays. Members also were encouraged to sign up to participate with any and all of the Interest Groups that they choose.

**Call to Order:** President Sue Chapman convened the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

**President's Introduction:** Sue welcomed all attendees and thanked the club members for all their contributions toward the various fund raisers that were held in support of our scholarship programs and UCF students. Sue acknowledged and thanked the member who brought donations with them to the event in support of the Knights Pantry. All collected items will be delivered to the campus after the meeting. As we have done before, Sue encouraged members to make donations to the "scholarship jars" that were located on each table. Then she invited all to enjoy Lunch that was being served.

**Speakers:** After lunch, meeting functions and activities resumed. Sue introduced our panel of speakers who had been invited to share with the group about their activities and the specific volunteer opportunity that is available to members of the Women's Club at UCF.

The Speaker Panel was comprised of: 1) Kelsie Johnson who spoke about the UCF Arboretum volunteer opportunities and a specific Arboretum Tour will be held for WCUCF members on 7 Oct, 2) Amanda Deller from UCF Student Development who indicated that 1 day of volunteering will be in Oct. 23, and 3) Maggie LeClair who spoke on behalf of Linda Walters about the Oyster Reef Restoration and its associated volunteer opportunities including WCUCF Volunteer Day of Mangrove Gardening on Nov 13.

At the conclusion of the speaker panel presentations, Sue thanked the speakers and reminded members and guests that in addition to monetary donations, volunteering of one's time is just as valuable and being encouraged to participate in the upcoming events/day of volunteering. Sue also indicated that Teresa Riedel has agreed to be the Volunteer Coordinator for the Women's Club at UCF and will be working to coordinate participation in the events.

Karen Gisel initiated the first of several basket give-aways through the chance to win raffle. Several numbers and winners were announced. Happy recipients.

**Vice President Report:** Karen Manglardi encouraged members who have not renewed their membership to do so. She indicated that we have several new members who have joined the club this year. Then Karen thanked all invited guests for attending and invited all guests to stand and be recognized. Applause.

**Scholarship Report and Awards:** Maggie LeClair, WCUCF Scholarship chair and coordinator, presented a brief summary about the genesis of the Sheila B. Somerville Scholarship Program that we award to Graduate students. Maggie acknowledged the work of Janice Fischer, the past president of the Women's Club at that time who worked to establish the scholarship award program. Maggie introduced Dean Elizabeth Klonoff, Dean of Graduate Interdisciplinary Studies, who joined us to acknowledge and congratulate the three Sheila B. Somerville Graduate Scholarship Award winners who were selected to receive \$3000 each.

Dean Klonoff spoke of the importance of having scholarship awards especially to Graduate students who do not have as many such opportunities as undergraduate students. She announced and shared the names and pictures of each of the three award recipients who are:

Chiebuka Eyisi – Ph.D. Electrical and Electronics Engineering

Nicole Suarez – M.A. English, Literacy, Culture, and Textual Studies

Smitha Shambhu – M.S. Biotechnology

Representing the award recipients and present at the luncheon was Smitha Shambhu who spoke to the attendees. She thanked the Women's Club for the award and opportunity to pursue her Master's program. She also hopes to pursue a Ph.D. program.

**Foundation Liaison:** Kathleen Hagerty shared with the group the impact and contributions of the Women's Club members to the UCF community during this past year. She thanked them for their generosity and contributions to the Student Emergency Fund last year where they received \$5000+ from WCUCF. She also indicated that 45 students were positively impacted due to the fund-raising to which the members contributed.

**Interest Groups:** Donna Albert acknowledged and asked the Interest Group Leaders to stand and be recognized. She thanked the many leaders for their continued perseverance and creativity for still being to hold events during the COVID times. She re-iterated for members to sign-up for different IGs and be active in the club.

**Treasurer Report:** Cathy Davis shared the following balances in our accounts as of the meeting date: Savings: \$ 5059; Checking: \$18,145; PayPal: \$1042. Cathy also indicated that she would be happy to collect dues from meeting participants if they wish to renew their membership or join as new members to the club.

**Recognitions of board and past presidents:** Sue Chapman recognized the current board members. She also asked the WCUCF Past Presidents in attendance to stand up and be

recognized. Additionally, members from the “Originals” who were in attendance at the luncheon were asked to stand and be recognized. Great group of ladies.

**Special Event- Frances Millican Bracelet:** Dell Shadgett was the originator and presenter for this special event, the “transfer and sharing of the Frances Millican Bracelet” from Dell to the Women’s Club at UCF organization. Dell shared the history of the bracelet that was given to Frances Millican, our club’s founding member back in Nov. 1968. Dell shared how President Millican (The College’s first president) gave this bracelet to his wife Frances. Then this bracelet was given to Dell, as designated by Frances Millican upon her passing on. Dell has held this bracelet very near and dear to her heart. She has graciously decided to give this bracelet to the Women’s Club at UCF to be passed on from club president to the next in recognition and honor of Frances Millican. As Dell said “our current president Sue is the first recipient of this “time share” of this bracelet and is entrusted to ensure that it is turned over to the next president , and pass it on along with the president’s gavel, to continue the tradition, honor, and recognition. The bracelet is engraved with the Florida Technological University (FTU) Charter Club. Thank you Dell Shadgett for such a generous and momentous treasure for the Women’s Club at UCF.

More raffle drawings and awards were given out by Karen Gisel and Roberta Shoopman. Karen also acknowledged the contributions of the luncheon attendees – over \$1000 raised for scholarships through the 24 baskets and orchids chance to win raffle. Karen proceeded to provide the money to Cathy Davis, treasurer of the club. More lucky winners and happy recipients. Again, still not me.

**Hall of Fame Committee:** Kathy Littlefield informed our attendees of the upcoming Friendship Social and Hall of Fame celebration for the inaugural class of twelve (12) Hall of Fame inductees who were announced during the club’s Spring Luncheon meeting in April 2021. Oct. 25, 2021 will be the date for this upcoming celebration. Kathy asked Carol Pickler to stand up and be recognized for her contribution and talents to the gift that will be given to the HOF awardees at the celebration. Kathy re-emphasized that Oct 25 is the date and that the event will be held at the Oviedo Woman’s Club facility in Oviedo.

**Upcoming Events:** Sue Chapman announced upcoming club events that are yet to be scheduled including the Holiday Coffee/Tea and Cookie Exchange. Both events normally occur in December.

Roberta Shoopman announced the winners of the “table centerpiece” from each table. Sue Chapman thanked attendees and motioned to adjourn meeting and the meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Thank you to Linda Hennig for packing all the donations for the Knights Pantry and transporting it to the campus.

**Submitted for approval**

By: Zalpha Hashem, WCUCF Secretary

Approved by the Board On: \_\_\_10/08/2021\_\_\_\_\_

(Date: MM/DD/YEAR)