

# Women's Club at UCF, Inc

## NEWSLETTER

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### Save The Date

- ◆ **Oct 25 — 5:00-7:00 Friendship Social and Hall of Fame Celebration**
- ◆ **Dec 8 — Holiday Coffee**
- ◆ **Dec 16 — Cookie Exchange**



## Back Together & Giving Back

By: Sue Chapman, President

When planning our Fall Luncheon, we wanted a unique theme that would capture how we were feeling and our main club goals:

- To celebrate our friendship and the fact that we would finally be getting back together in person. Our great luncheons and events during 2020 were on-line using Zoom. Our last in person luncheon, not Zoom, was the fall of 2019.
- To expand our “go forward plan” to give back to both UCF and the community.

We are an extraordinarily generous group of women, and we give back in so many ways.

- We support a very robust scholarship program. At the luncheon, 3 graduate scholarships were presented by Dr. Elizabeth Klonoff, Vice President for Research and Dean of the College of Graduate Studies.
- We have also had several fund raising efforts to support the UCF Foundation and the student body. During COVID, you all donated generously to support the Student Emergency Relief Fund.



- We have also been solid supporters of the Knights Pantry through our donations. That is a group founded by students for students. Thanks to all of you who brought donations to the luncheon.

Now, we want to explore another way of giving back - maybe kick it up a notch from just writing a check - by giving one of our most precious assets - our time - through volunteerism. Of course, writing a check is always welcome and appreciated.

At the luncheon, we introduced several opportunities for members to volunteer their time to give back to UCF. Kelsie Johnson, the Coordinator for the UCF Arboretum presented all of their volunteer programs. Amanda Dever, the As-

Assistant Director of the UCF Office of Student Involvement, introduced a very unique one day program called Knights Give Back. Maggie LeClair talked about a cause that is near and dear to her heart and that is the Oyster Reef Restoration Project & Seagrass Planting.

As we move forward, we hope to make volunteerism another one of our club goals. Teresa Riedel has graciously offered to organize and publicize these efforts via email, Facebook and our website. We look forward to your support and participation in this new endeavor.



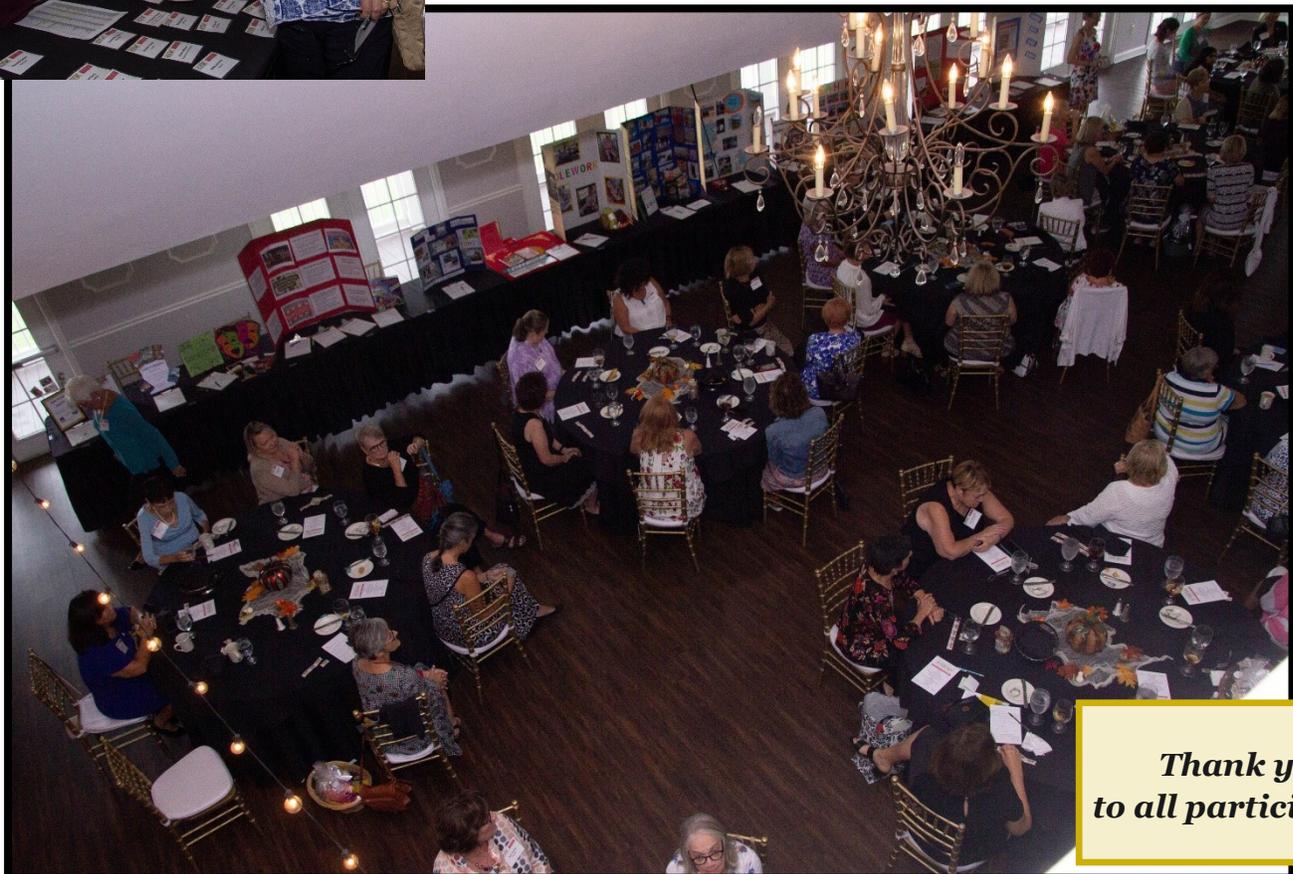
## Women's Club at UCF 2021 Fall Meeting

After much thought and discussion by the board, the Women's Club at UCF held its annual Fall Meeting and Luncheon in person at Tusawilla Country Club in Winter Springs. What a fun, friendly, and enjoyable event it was! Seventy members and guests participated in this warm and energetic fall gathering of friends. Whether perusing all the Interest Club Boards, carefully checking how many tickets are in the basket they hope to win, meeting new members and guests, or just simply catching up in person with other club members, everyone was glad to be back amongst friends!



Fun and member safety were our key missions as we planned, scheduled and conducted our annual fall meeting/luncheon. Roberta Shoopman and Karen Gisel, our program events coordinators, assembled the beautiful table centerpieces and many baskets of door prizes that helped create the warm fall feeling in the room. Members and guests, donning their best "masks" (which were quite varied and colorful), were greeted by our president and board members and welcomed to share in the fun. As is our tradition during our fall meeting,

Donna Albert and our interest group leaders displayed information about the various IGs and encouraged members to sign up and participate throughout the year with the variety of upcoming events and gatherings. Read about the key speakers and events. Enjoy pictures of members and friends in attendance at this fun-filled event.



**Thank you  
to all participants!**

# Women's Club at UCF Fall Meeting Events

## The Millican Bracelet—A new club tradition

A new Women's Club at UCF tradition has been created and started by our very own Dell Shadgett. During the luncheon meeting, Dell presented the "transfer and sharing of the Frances Millican Bracelet". This is a special keepsake from Dell to the Women's Club at UCF organization.



As Dell explained, this bracelet was originally presented to Frances H. Millican when FTU Women's Club was chartered. It is inscribed "Frances H. Millican From FTU Charter Club 11/25/68". Dell is a member of the original group of ladies of the Women's Club, and she was a close friend of Frances Millican. The bracelet was later given to Dell Shadgett by President Charles Millican upon Frances' death on 28 Dec. 2009. Dell has held this bracelet very near and dear to her heart.



At the Fall Luncheon, 9/20/2021, Dell presented the bracelet to Sue Chapman, current president of the Women's Club at UCF, with the understanding that each president shall pass it on to the next president every year. It will serve as a reminder of Frances' vision for our club, which is the longest continuing University Women's Club in the country. Dell stated, "I think Frances and Charlie would be pleased that the bracelet will remain with her beloved women's club in perpetuity."



Dell has graciously decided to give this bracelet to the Women's Club at UCF in recognition and honor of Frances Millican. As Dell said "our current president Sue is the first recipient of this "keepsake" bracelet and is entrusted to ensure that it is turned over to the next president". The bracelet will be passed on, along with the president's gavel, to continue the club's tradition, honor, and recognition.

Thank you Dell Shadgett for such a generous and momentous treasure for the Women's Club at UCF.



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\*\* You can learn more about Frances Millican by clicking on the link below to watch the video:

[Frances Millican: A Tribute to UCF's first First Lady - YouTube](#)

*Thank You Mama Dell for a Wonderful New Tradition!*

## Women's Club at UCF Fall Meeting

Thank you for all your donations to the Knights Pantry and the Scholarship Funds. Enjoy pictures from the Fall Lunch thanks to Margie Sloane who shared her love of photography with our group.

See "Newsletter Supplement" file for more pictures of friends and members.



Enjoy More Pictures of Friends and Members in Separate "Newsletter Supplement"

# Women's Club at UCF Fall Meeting Events

## Volunteerism Panel – Days of Giving

A panel of speakers were invited to participate in the fall luncheon this year. Each speaker provided a brief summary of the organizations they represented. Consistent with our luncheon theme, each speaker provided opportunities for our members to volunteer their time and to give back to UCF.

Representing the UCF Arboretum, Kelsie Johnson shared information about the gardens and student participation in learning about growing and planting a variety of plants including edible vegetables. She summarized the different volunteer programs that the students engage in to help maintain the Arboretum plants, and trails for all to enjoy. She also invited the women's club members to participate in a visit/tour of the gardens on 7 October.



Amanda Dever, the Assistant Director of the UCF Office of Student Involvement, introduced a very unique one day program called Knights Give Back. This is a yearly event where students volunteer to participate in various different service projects.

Oct 23 is the planned day of volunteering. Among the different projects are UCF Arboretum, Knights Pantry, beautifying the United Cerebral Palsy facility, and Patty's Parrot Palace at Leu Gardens. This year, the Women's Club at UCF has been invited to participate as community volunteers.



Maggie LeClair talked about a cause that is near and dear to her heart, and one that the Women's Club members supported a few years ago, that is the Oyster Reef Restoration Project & Seagrass



Planting. Maggie shared with the group the research and efforts that Dr. Linda Walters is still engaged in at the CEE Lab Coastal & Estuarine Ecology Lab. Planting/creating an oyster reef is great for the environment since oysters filtrate water at a very good pace. Back in 2012, the Women's Club members helped with planting and seeding the Frances Millican Reef in Mosquito Lagoon. Maggie also talked about the importance of seagrass and mangroves which are critical to the reef structure. A mangrove gar-

dening day is set up for Nov. 13 and members of the Women's Club at UCF can sign up to participate and volunteer.

As we move forward, we hope to make volunteerism another one of our club goals. Teresa Riedel has graciously offered to organize and publicize these efforts via email, Facebook and our website. More information is forthcoming about each of these volunteer opportunities and how you can sign up to participate.

*“What is the essence of life? To serve others and to do good” – Aristotle*

# Women's Club at UCF Fall Meeting Events

## Our Graduate Scholarship Awards — Fall 2021

Through your continued membership, donations, and support to our club and its scholarship award programs, three scholarships were awarded to three graduate students. Maggie LeClair is the chair for our Sheila B. Somerville Graduate Scholarship fund, as well as our undergraduate scholarship fund. Each year, with concurrence by the board, scholarships are awarded to graduate students in the fall. After nominations are received, an exhaustive review of the qualifications and need of candidates is conducted, and scholarship winners are announced.

Dr. Elizabeth Klonoff, Vice President for Research and Dean of the College of Graduate Studies joined our luncheon to discuss how important our scholarships are to help graduate students, since there are not as many opportunities for scholarships at the graduate level as there are for undergraduate levels. Dr. Klonoff also announced and acknowledged the 3 scholarship winners:



### Somerville Graduate Scholarships 2021



**Chiebuka Eyisi**  
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)  
Electrical and Electronics Engineering



**Nicole Suarez**  
Master of Arts  
English - Literary, Cultural  
and Textual Studies



**Smitha Shambhu**  
Master of Science  
Biotechnology

Chiebuka Eyisi, pursuing a Ph.D.

Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Nicole Suarez, pursuing a Masters Arts English, Literary, Cultural and Textual Studies, and Smitha Shambku who is pursuing a Masters Science in Biotechnology.

Videos of acceptance comments by the graduate scholarship winners can be found on our private YouTube Channel at [2021 Fall Luncheon Presentations - YouTube](#).

One of the scholarship recipients, Smitha Shambku, was present at the luncheon. She expressed her thanks to the Women's Club at UCF and for the support she is receiving. It is her goal to pursue her Master's degree and to also work toward a Ph.D. degree.



## Women's Club YouTube Channel – Digital Memories

By: Sue Chapman

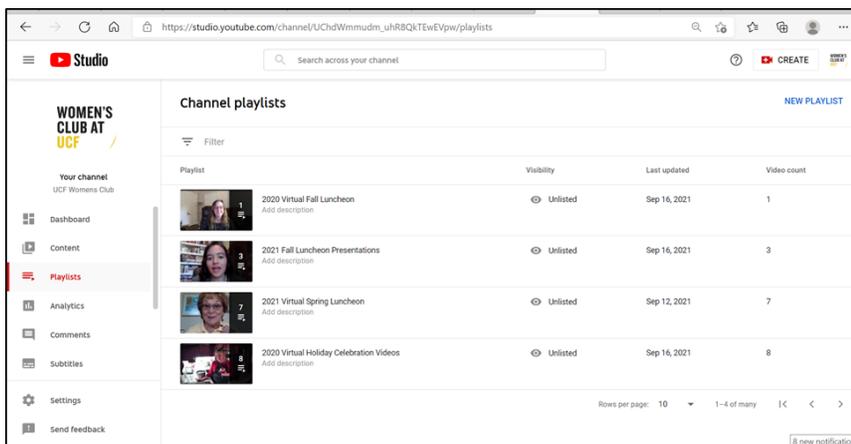
When the pandemic hit, we could not meet in person. This was a disappointment to all our members since the bonds of friendship and comradery we have established are so important to us. We decided to take advantage of Zoom technology to host our events virtually. If we couldn't be together in person, this was the best alternative we had.

As of September 2021, we have hosted the 2020 Fall Luncheon, 2020 Holiday Cookie Exchange, and the 2021 Spring Luncheon on Zoom. These events have been recorded on the Women's Club YouTube Channel. YouTube is a free video sharing website that makes it easy to watch online videos. You can even create and upload your own videos to share with others. We will also be adding

the highlights of the 2021 Fall Luncheon on Zoom as well so that members who did not attend the September 20<sup>th</sup> event could enjoy the presentations.

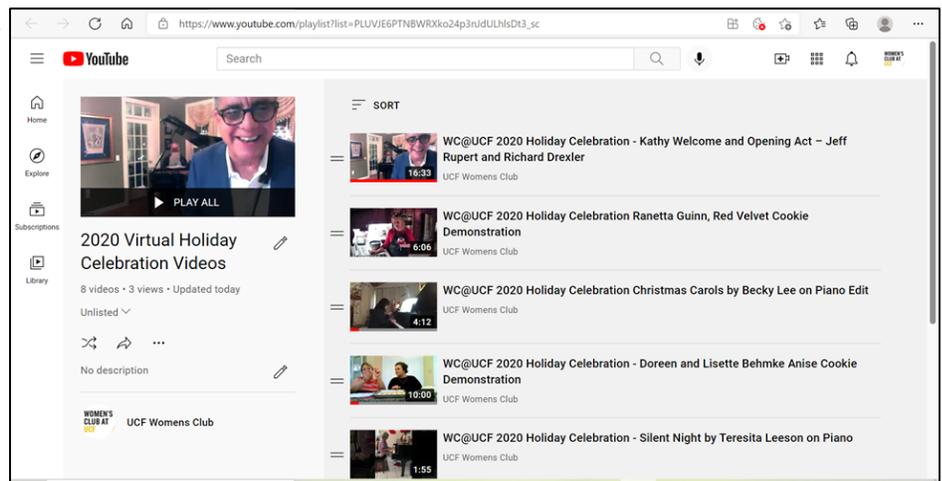
To watch any of these videos, just go to our YouTube Channel Playlists page at [Channel playlists - YouTube Studio](#). You will see a list of our recent events.

To view the videos for a particular



event, just click on it. For example, to watch any of the videos from the 2020 Holiday Celebration, click on that one and you will see the 8 individual videos – each representing a portion of that event – for example, Ranetta Guinn's Red Velvet Cookie Demonstration or the Opening Act with Jeff Rupert and Richard Drexler.

We will continue to add videos to our collection for club-wide events. As we record the events, we will also get permission from the presenters before we can post them to our YouTube channel.



*Sharing friendships, sharing events, sharing memories!*

# The Spirit of Giving .....A Member's Story

## Giving

*By: Pam Wilson*

In January 2016, I attended Central Florida Poverty Conference, looking for a nonprofit with which I could get involved. That's where I met Anne Taylor and Danielle Landaal. They shared IDignity's mission and invited me to take a tour.

How would you feel if you were suddenly unable to prove who you are? Imagine all of your documents—birth certificate, social security card, and ID--have been lost or stolen. You can no longer cash a check, apply for a job, receive healthcare, or secure housing. These are some of the scenarios IDignity's clients have experienced. IDignity is a nonprofit established in 2008. Its mission is to restore dignity and hope by helping individuals regain legal proof of their identity. Many of the clients are poor and disadvantaged, and the process of obtaining legal documents is inherently complex. Therefore, at no cost to them, IDignity steers them through that process.

Thus, I signed up to volunteer at the next event which was held downtown at the Orlando Union Rescue Mission and took a tour near the end of my shift. Two rooms were set up inside, and a bus from the Tax Collector's office was parked outside. About two hundred people were seen that day, many of whom had arrived at 4:00 am to secure a spot. I helped shepherd clients from station to station. The compassion expressed by the volunteers to the clients was felt throughout the rooms, and "Thank you." and "God Bless You" came from the mouths of so many attendees. I knew I wanted to get involved.

I became a regular volunteer with the Media Group. We would take photos and videos and gather client stories from interviews. That's what I enjoyed most, talking with the clients. Getting to hear their life stories before their current situation, understanding what having their ID would provide them, and learning about the types of difficulties they experienced by not having an ID was often heartbreaking. One of my first interviewees was a woman who had been diagnosed with cancer and needed an ID to get the medical care she needed to save her life. Her father brought her to the event after he drove in from out-of-town and slept on her couch. They both had tears streaming down their faces when her Florida ID was placed in her hands. I've interviewed women running from domestic abuse, many times with children in tow. I've met veterans, all of whom were very proud of the service they provided. Whether they were young, old, healthy or sick, every client was treated with compassion and dignity.



Since the pandemic hit, the events have changed dramatically. They are called Identification Service Days and are held at a little house affectionately called Jackie's Place, by appointment twice a week; when possible, walk-ups are seen as well. The facility is mostly run by volunteers and is set up following the strict COVID guidelines. I now volunteer in the office two days a week, processing the many birth certificate applications that are generated at these weekly appointments. We are processing more than ever. The need for documents and IDs is great, and the cost per client is about \$300 plus six hours of volunteer time. Opportunities to volunteer in person and remotely are available. Here is a link to the website: [Idignity.Org](https://www.idignity.org).

## The Spirit of The Sandbagger

By: Kathy Littlefield

In recent months, our Women's Club at UCF has again embraced the spirit of giving and volunteerism with a new sense of purpose. I want to share a personal example that demonstrates the impact that service has on families, neighborhoods, and institutions.

For over 40 years, I was a social studies teacher in Minnesota and North Dakota. Any student who has lived in that part of the USA can tell you what flooding in the Red River Valley is like; but they may not be able to explain why the flooding worsened decade after decade in the last half century. Because the Red River Valley is so flat and after a very wet Fall season, a Spring flood is expected and cities along the river experience rising waters. This river's flood stage is just under 18 feet. When the river reaches a level of 30 feet, meteorologists call it "major flooding." At 36 feet, the sandbagging begins.

Volunteers are enlisted through notifications to schools, churches, civic organizations, etc. Sandbags are filled at a central location as the Flood Fight begins. Much of the effort relies on manual labor, particularly from young, strong hands and legs. Students from middle school age



**"The Spirit of the Sandbagger"**

Public art dedication on September 15, 2021, in Fargo North Dakota

on through advanced university degrees volunteered to build sandbag walls to protect their cities and towns. Most of them loved the chance to escape the classroom and go outside and sandbag (verb!). Teachers were enlisted to accompany groups of students to supervise or join human assembly lines of sandbaggers. On average, a sandbag (noun!) weighs 30-35 pounds. There's nothing complex about filling a sandbag or passing a sandbag to the person across from you on the line; yet, there is a comfortable rhythm along the line.

I learned so much about my students from these experiences. I valued the concept of students and teachers working together, being on the same side of a big fight. We prepared our students for the possibility of sandbagging each year at the beginning of

March. They brought their gear to their school lockers or left it in the trunk of their cars. I kept the same jacket, boots, hat, gloves, and jeans as my flood uniform. Putting on these clothes made all of us feel that what we were doing was important and we had to win. Every student was successful in this endeavor.

The neighborhoods at greatest risk for flooding relied on these volunteers to save their homes and businesses. The hours of physical labor have been calculated over the years and the numbers are astronomical! More importantly, the benefits such as community pride, unanimity of purpose, formation of lasting friendships, and increased cooperation and collaboration all were apparent when the river crested and slowly receded.

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# The Spirit of Giving.....A Member's Story

## The Spirit of The Sandbagger (cont.)

The above descriptions were similar in two severe spring floods: 1997 and 2009. In the latter year, the region where we lived suffered \$3.5 billion in damages. The river was predicted to crest at a record 43 feet, and the Army Corps of Engineers told the mayors of Fargo-Moorhead they must order an evacuation. Mayor Dennis Walaker of Fargo told them we would not leave and the citizens would build sandbag and dirt dikes above the crest. A writer from the New York Times packed up after covering this story and visited the mayor on his way to the airport. The mayor asked him, "Why are you leaving before the crest?" His reply: "Mr. Mayor, I have watched your people sandbag for days. You will never lose a fight against a flood." Three million sandbags and 12 miles of dikes built by volunteers protected the cities from flooding.

One of those volunteers had a dream that the city would someday build a monument to recognize the spirit of volunteerism within the community that was at the heart of the flood fight. He shared his vision with his friends in the Fargo Lions Club and they had many conversations with the new mayor about creating a monument. On September 15, 2021, the dream became a reality. Corporate sponsors, private donors, and the Fargo City Commission were on hand to dedicate the monument named "Spirit of the Sandbagger" in downtown Fargo on the west side of the Red River.

It is a spectacular project that captures the images of the volunteers, including students, in metal silhouettes, arched across two stone pillars at the entrance of the park. At the installation of this piece of public art, Fargo Mayor Tim Mahoney spoke from a podium anchored with two sandbags: "I am proud to have a permanent, indelible marker of the unbreakable spirit of the community which meets every challenge with unrivaled tenacity and an eagerness to help their neighbors." I was so proud to witness this acknowledgment of humanitarianism.



Dedication of the "Spirit of the Sandbagger" monument attended by local residents and our own Kathy Littlefield (center) and her husband Robert who both are long-time active members and volunteers for the Lions Club

***"You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give."***  
**Winston Churchill**

## Interest Groups News



All current interest group leaders are up-and-going leading their groups. They are looking forward to welcoming members back and returning to interest group activities, to the extent possible. Please check the website for the name and contact information for each of the Interest Group leaders. Enjoy reading some highlights and some memories of Interest Group events. If you have an idea for a new interest group, contact Donna Albert via email at [palbertfamily@msn.com](mailto:palbertfamily@msn.com)

### Armchair Travelers Group #1

During the 2020-2021 season we had a great experience with our STAYIN ALIVE/STAYIN AT HOME series conducted via Zoom. Now we are curious to see what our “travelin” folks have been up to over the summer months as they emerged from a year of restricted travel. Several members will offer brief presentations on their experiences. Knowing this crew, we are sure to be entertained with “Many Taking Mini Trips”!

The November meeting will feature Wendy and Frank Jamison’s visits to several national parks in the Western United States. We can always count on Frank’s fabulous photography, accompanied by Wendy’s informative and entertaining narratives to provide an engaging program.

We are continuing to meet over Zoom, but we hope to bid 2021 farewell with an in-person pot luck supper in December.

By: Carol Pickler

Leader Armchair Travelers #1 IG



### Great Decisions!

Great Decisions has completed their 8 month year in August. We have met monthly on the third Monday of the month at 1:00 pm on Zoom the first 5 months and in person in homes at 1:30 pm the last three months. Experts from the Foreign Policy Association write selections and have their staff make a video available on the topic. We read the selections and discussed all 8 topics for which the Foreign Policy Association had documented this year.

We look forward to beginning our 2022 year in January when new readings and videos are available. Meeting time and places are to be determined. We all feel better informed and more aware of the world as a result of participation!

By: Mary Meeker

Leader Great Decision IG

## Interest Groups News (cont.)

### Armchair Travelers 2

Our armchair travels set a course for the magnificent Southwest. Colorado and the Four Corners area offer a rich and often overlooked portion of our spectacular land. Several National Parks and Monuments are included in this vast array of scenic wonder. Bryce Canyon, Zion, Arches, Mesa Verde and the Million dollar highway are calling.

What a great story teller! That's the way to describe the energy and enthusiasm that Scott Ebner has while sharing with us the trip that he and his wife Linda enjoyed during the past years. Gorgeous pictures, trails, and magnificent views of the Four Corners area, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah. Although they have visited these sites on several occasions, their enthusiasm shines through as they share the wonders that unfolded before them.



What a wonderful reminder of the great trips to be enjoyed in the U.S.A.

As with other recent events held by Armchair Travelers2 IG, we meet in person with Covid-19 precautions, as well as via Zoom, at a conference room in Lisa and Charles Gantz Office in Oviedo. Bring your favorite beverage and snack to share. Spouses or significant others are welcome. Come join us.

Linda Hennig  
Leader Armchair Travelers 2 IG

### Needlework

The Needlework group is up and running for the 2021-22 calendar year. Our first get-together was in September at Red Bug Park, and we decided to continue at that venue for the coming year. It is a beautiful location, and we are enjoying the fresh air and friendship. Most of our group knits, but some crochet and needlepoint, and recently, Debby Manuel has wowed us with her beautiful embroidery.

It is always fun to see what everyone is doing. Come join us! .

By: Judy Dziuban  
Leader Needlework IG



## Interest Groups News (cont.)

### Daytime Bookworms

The beginning of a new season, but not as we had hoped. All the arrangements were made to be able to meet in person. As you can see that didn't happen with Daytime Bookworms, the Delta Variant of COVID 19 reigns supreme.

Daytime Bookworms made our book selections in May. At our September meeting, we started with a very timely book, **HOW TO AVOID A CLIMATE CHANGE DISASTER: THE SOLUTIONS WE HAVE AND THE BREAKTHROUGHS WE NEED** authored by Bill Gates. Mary Dipboye invited a guest, Dr. Brittany Sellers, from the City of Orlando's Sustainability and Resilience Division. We questioned, learned and shared ideas on a very important topic of global proportions.

We look forward to many more titles covering many genres - science, history and fiction in its many forms. As the year progresses, month by month, we are hoping to be together to be able to share not only our current book, but each other and our experiences.

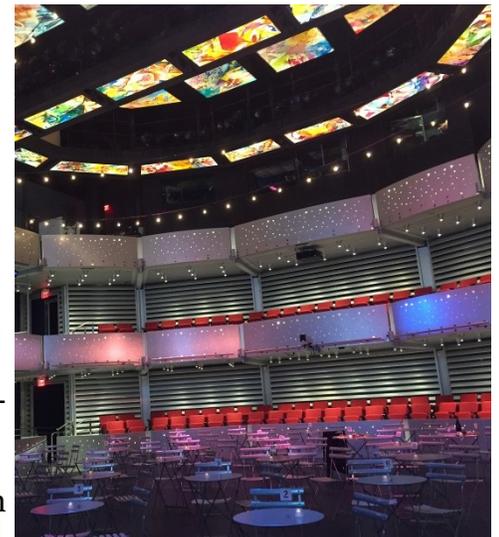


By: Carole Goldsmith  
Leader Daytime Bookworms

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### Cultural Arts & Wellness and International Friendship

Embedded in the Dr. Phillips Center is the small and intimate "Alex & Jim Pugh Theater". That's where a small group of our members met on Sept 15 to enjoy the "Lasting Impression—3D" show. As we awaited to enter the theater, large displays provided us information about the lives of each of the great impressionist painters. Inside the intimate theater, the setting was transformed into a small outside French bistro with round tables set for two, where you could sit, enjoy a beverage of your choice and savor a small charcuterie plate or some other hors d'oeuvres of choice. As we sat there listening to the music of great composers and recent great French artists, we were totally immersed into the beautiful art of the great impressionist painters such as Renoir, Monet, Van Goh, and many others.



Through the creative combination of "bringing each painting to life" using 3D, animation, and beautiful music, each of us felt transported in time and embedded as a part of each and every painting scene. What a wonderful artistic one-of-a-kind experience to share with friends!

Lynn Moharam, Cultural Arts and Wellness IG  
Zalpha Hashem & Teresa Riedel, International Friendship IG

## Interest Groups News (cont.)

### GOLF Group

The GOLF Interest Group resumes playing this new season 2021-2022 on Thursday, November 4, at 10:00 am. The group plays nine holes at various courses, location to be determined each month. We play various courses, staying at one for a month so we average 4 times at the same course. We are not competitive but we do like to play a good game. On occasion, after playing, we go for lunch or fun snacks. Here are few pictures of members enjoying sodas and each other's company: Ellen Schatz, Mary Ann Lehman, Pat Crepeau, Vickie Snyder, Darlene Bouley and Tammy Johnson.



Contact Darlene Bouley, chair for further information

### GOURMET Group

Our gourmet group met again after a two year hiatus. **Boy, did we celebrate!** Had a shrimp boil and loads of fun. So good to get together. All 12 members were present.

We will continue to meet once a month. We will support the host's decision to eat in or go to a restaurant of their choice. This is a great group of folks who really enjoy good food and fellowship.



By: Pat Pepler  
Lead Gourmet IG



## Feature Article

### A Field of Honor To Remember!

By: Zalpha Hashem

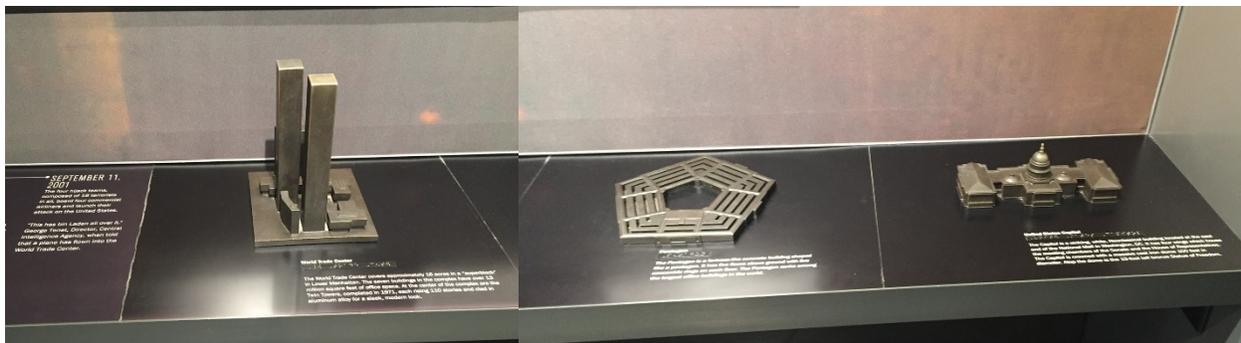
It was a quiet day in July 2021. I am driving across the state of Pennsylvania, heading from Erie Pa. area to slightly west of Philadelphia; northwest of Pa. to southeast of Pa. This is a drive I have taken many times over the past years. Yet on this day I decided to take a different route. As I traveled south from Erie toward Pittsburgh, I decided to drive toward Shanksville, Pa. This is not an area that I have visited before, not an area with which I am familiar, but definitely an area that I clearly remember.

Nestled in a field, in Somerset County, Pa., is Flight 93 National Memorial Park. It is the nation's memorial to the passengers and crew of Flight 93. As I venture from Rte 30 (Lincoln Highway) toward the park road, I am surrounded by trees that give way to a large field that is the entrance to the park. It is quiet, serene, and unassuming.



I embark on the road into the park. The gateway to the memorial is a structure called “The Tower of Voices” — a 93 feet tall tower that is a musical instrument holding 40 wind chimes to represent the voices of the passengers and crew members who were aboard flight 93.

Winding my way on Approach Road, I reach the visitor center complex. The timeline of the key events of the Sept 11 morning show the way to the visitor center building. Within the building are exhibits, timelines, flight pattern visuals, small remnants from the plane, and a retelling of the story of Sept 11 and Flight 93 — a retelling that shares with you the voices from the plane's flight recorder, voices of the heroic passengers on board, voices from news reporters and leaders, and voices of people from a small remote community who rushed to the plane crash site to try to help.



The building itself is not a large building, but the story re-told within the building is deeply touching. You re-live the flight pattern, you see images of the news unfolding, you see the faces of a nation in pain and disbelief.

As I walked outside the visitor center building, I followed others to an area known as “The Overlook”. The display in front of clear partition/wall tells the story of Flight 93's flight path on that fateful day 25 years ago.

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## Feature Article (cont.)

From the Overlook area next to the building, I stood silently taking it all in. The serenity of the area. The beauty of a field full of wild flowers and the sight of wind mills dotting the skyline in the distance. I stood in the Overlook area that allows you to “view in your mind’s eye” the flight path of the plane and where it crashed into the field below. A crash site marked by a large boulder where the plane disintegrated upon impact. And where around it, in the fields full of trees and flowers, is where all the passengers perished and remain interment there, resting in peace.

Below in a short distance from the Overlook, is the Memorial Plaza and Wall of Names. One can walk the trails from the museum or drive down to the area below where the name of each passenger and crew member from flight 93 is etched in a large granite wall. An area where family members come to sit, look in the field, and share a quiet moment of remembrance, a prayer, and no



doubt love for their lost one. I see pictures reminding us of each passenger who was on Flight 93. It is quiet as I walk past the Wall of Names. No, I am not alone. Others are also there, quiet, reflecting, and in reverence remembering.

You would not know that there were other visitors that day — old, young, middle aged, and families with children. Not a large crowd on a weekday, but certainly a crowd that clearly understands the serenity, the agony, and the actions of heroes on that day.

*Yes it is indeed “A common field one day. A field of honor forever”.*

*Yes it is definitely a memory of a day 25 years ago. A day that changed the world, Sept 11, 2001.*

**Never Forget September 11, 2001!**

**BRIGHTEN SOMEONE'S DAY,  
SPREAD SUNSHINE**

**Gail Dressel  
Is our Sunshine Coordinator.**

**If you know of a member  
who needs some encouragement, sympathy, or  
just some sunshine from our club  
Please email Gail at  
gaildressel@att.net**

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

**If you have not renewed your membership yet,  
The TIME is NOW!**

- ◆ **Renew and stay connected to your friends and your women's club!**
- ◆ **Membership Fee will be \$35.00 (our normal membership rate)**

**INVITE A FRIEND!**

**Do you have a friend or know someone who would be a good new member  
of the Women's Club at UCF?**

- ***Invite them to join!***
- ***Ask them to fill out an application form on our web site and Pay Membership dues***

**Has your Contact Information Changed?**

***In the event your contact information has changed, please go to the  
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