

SPOTLIGHT

UCSC Community Connections newsletter

Fall, 2022

Volume 2

President's Message

I had the opportunity to attend a Community Connections (CC) Lunch Bunch Interest Group meeting at Bangkok West recently. It is one of the best parts of our CC, meeting with new and old friends, having a sumptuous meal, and enjoying each other's company. There are many choices to catch our interest and become active members. Kerrie, kerrie@cruzio.com, has been our Interest Group Coordinator and will be happy to help you join up, or even create a new group if the one you wanted was full.

Most of you know that we do not have a CC General Meeting in December, so our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 and our keynote speaker will be Chancellor Cynthia Larive. She will enthrall us with her life story and how she settled here in Santa Cruz as our Chancellor. We will again be having a potluck luncheon. Thank you to all those who brought either a main dish or dessert to our last meeting on November 2, 2022. We all enjoyed UCSC Librarian Elizabeth Cowell explaining how libraries, including UCSC's libraries, have changed to accommodate the digital age.

I know some of you are still cautious about being inside, and we have accommodated that concern by opening windows and doors for cross-ventilation. Another caution will be to ask anyone with any contagious illness to please stay home. Again we are asking you to bring your own plate, silverware and napkin to help with cleaning up.

Recently Laurie Salatich, CC Board member, has assisted me in contacting the three other UC campuses who make up our Intercampus Alliance. We have been sharing newsletters and learning about the upcoming meeting at the UC Merced campus in March, 2023. I will keep you all updated when we receive more information.



In February our Scholarship Committee will begin the scholarship process for 2023, and that will culminate on Wednesday May 10, 2023 with our annual Spring Scholarship Luncheon that will be held at Seymour Center's La Feliz room with catering again by UCSC Catering Services. This will be an RSVP event, and there will be a charge. Please mark that date on your 2023 calendar.

Thank you so much for your interest and participation in CC,

Linda Koval, President
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Meet the Chancellor



Chancellor Cynthia Larive

Since Chancellor Larive will be our speaker at our January meeting, we thought you might want to know a little about her. Larive is a first-generation college graduate, earning her bachelor's of science from South Dakota State University and her master's from Purdue University, both in chemistry. She earned her Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from UC Riverside while raising daughters Erin and Megan with husband Jim.

Larive worked in the field of [bioanalytical chemistry](#), applying analytical tools such as [nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy](#) (NMR) and [mass spectrometry](#) to the products of [chemical separations](#). Much of her research focused on reducing the amount of sample needed for analysis to develop ways of increasing the sensitivity of measurements to obtain precise chemical and structural information.

She is committed to student success, inclusion, and equity, leading both undergraduate programs and mentoring graduate students, particularly encouraging women and other underrepresented groups in STEM. At UCSC, she prioritized improving graduation rates and eliminating graduation gaps for low-income and first-generation students, and for students

What's Up With Scholarships

Each of the two organizations from which UCSC Community Connections was born, the Affiliates and the Women's Club, had a scholarship program. The Affiliates scholarship funds local students in financial need, and the Women's Club's Rita Olsen Pister scholarship funds re-entry students. Each of these programs is funded by an endowment; that is, gift(s) or bequest(s) that are invested, and the interest income from the investment is used for a purpose set forth in the initial gift.

So because each endowment is already established, as Community Connections we will retain our two endowments for two populations of students.

The Affiliates scholarships are awarded to students in the fall of the year, while the Rita Olsen Pister Scholarships are decided in the spring. We will honor scholarship recipients from both funds at our Spring Scholarship Luncheon in May, 2023.

from groups traditionally underrepresented in higher education. She restructured the Office of Student Affairs and Success to align with her goals.

Larive has authored more than 155 research publications, and has received funding to support her research from non-profit and corporate grant makers.

She is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Chemical Society, and has received campus and national awards for her teaching, research and leadership.

UCSC COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS INTEREST GROUPS 2022/2023

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Contact coordinators to learn about any Covid accommodations.

BON APPETIT – A gourmet cooking group

Rusty Bowman: ebowman@ucsc.edu

GROUP FULL - Waiting List Available

BOOK GROUP 2

3rd Thursday, 1 pm

Alberta Nidever: 688-8931

GROUP FULL

BOOK GROUP 3 (BBBs) *

2nd Wednesday, Noon

Cynthia Noble-Vesecky: cynoble@yahoo.com

GROUP FULL

BOOK GROUP 4 (Happy Bookers)

2nd Wednesday, 7 – 8:30 pm

Eleanor Southers: southers@verizon.net

WAIT LIST AT THIS TIME

BOOK GROUP 5

3rd Monday, 1 – 3 pm

Mary Jane Chambers: mjchmbrs@sbcglobal.net

NEW MEMBERS WANTED

BRIDGE GROUP

2nd Tuesday, 12:30 pm

Evelyn Prichard: admin@evelynprichard.com

GROUP FULL

CAMPUS EVENTS

Dates vary.

Donna Cavaille: djcavaille@gmail.com

ENGLISH IN ACTION

Student Meeting Times To Be Arranged

Annette Morris:

NEW MEMBERS WANTED

FIAT MUSICA CHORAL GROUP

Rehearsals every Thursday, 7 - 8:30 pm

Michele Kibrick: kibrick@cruzio.com

FINANCIAL PLANNING

Jane McKenzie: jane@pointsantacruz.com

GARDEN GROUP

2nd Monday, 11 am - 1 pm

Cherry Thompson: cherrythompson@gmail.com

Liaison: Trician Comings:

triciansc@mindspring.com

GROUP FULL

HIKING GROUP

2nd Thursday, 9:30 am

Laurie Salatich: lsalatich@gmail.com

LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE

Weekly Thursdays, 1 - :3:30pm

Debbie Hencke: dhencke@gmail.com

LUNCH BUNCH

3rd Friday, 11:30 am

Toni Wagner: tmwagner3@gmail.com

MAH JONGG GROUP 1

Every Tuesday, 1:00 pm

Hazel Powell: hpowellb40@aol.com

MAH JONGG GROUP 2

Every Tuesday, 10 am - 12:30 pm

Dorothy Carroll: doneto@sbcglobal.net

GROUP FULL

MEDITATE TOGETHER

Weekly Mondays, 12-12:45 pm

Andrea Cohen: acohen@ucsc.edu**TRAVEL CLUB**

Last Monday, 10 - 11:30 am

Rusty Bowman: ebowman@ucsc.edu

VOLUNTEERS IN MOTION

4th Monday

NEW MEMBERS & COORDINATOR WANTED

Kerrie McCaffrey: kerrie@cruzio.com

UCSC CC 2022-23 BOARD MEMBERS

The proposed board members will be formally elected at the Fall Gathering.

Officers

President - Linda Koval

1st Vice President - Sonia Deetz

2nd Vice President * -

Secretary/Sunshine -

Treasurer - Sally Lester

Coordinators

Food - Jan Corriden

Fundraising - Colleen Page

Data/Communication/Membership -

Interest Groups -

Publicity -

Scholarship - Gloria Williams (lead), Laurie Salatich (understudy)

Newsletter - Sally Lester

Website - Hazel Powell

Members-at-Large

Andrea Cohen (Floater)

Laurie Salatich (Floater)

Staff Liaison

Clea Hermanson

Chancellor's Associate

Anna Finn

**Positions may be shared. Currently we have willing committee members for the 2nd vice-president position but no lead.*



Mission Statement

The purpose of UCSC's Community Connections is to share common interests, to work toward building a cultural and academic bridge between the university and community, to promote understanding and support for the purpose and functions of the university, and to raise money for scholarships in two student populations: re-entry students and local students pursuing degrees at UCSC.