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Our membership is open to everyone in the community (Town) and University faculty and staff (Gown). We support our unique scholarship program for students returning after a break of five years or more in their education. We offer social and educational opportunities enhanced by our association with the campus environment.

UCI TOWN AND GOWN

CURTAIN UP! LIGHT THE LIGHTS! **A Celebration of Theater** ***Wednesday, February 12, 2020***

Registration begins at 11:00 a.m.

Costa Mesa Country Club

1701 Golf Course Drive

Costa Mesa 92626

We are excited and delighted to welcome Eli Simon, UCI Chancellor's Professor of Acting, and Artistic Director of New Swan Shakespeare Festival at UCI. Professor Simon specializes in Shakespearean productions, clowning and original masked performances. The author of three books, Eli has also enjoyed great success directing, not only Shakespeare, but also such productions as *Fiddler on the Roof*, *West Side Story*, *Guys and Dolls* and *Clownzilla: A Love Story* (Critic's Choice, L.A. Times).

**PLEASE SECURE YOUR RESERVATION VIA THE RSVP
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President's Message



Happy New Year – It's 2020 with a new decade ahead. Our speaker, UCI Professor Emeritus Keith L. Nelson, really gave us "DNA" for thought at our November 13 luncheon. So fascinating to learn that the prehistoric man found frozen in the Italian Alps has a female relative living in Dorset England! I'm working my way through the books he recommended and am now enthralled with genealogy. We are so fortunate to have access to these talented UCI Professors who speak at our events.

As a person and as an organization we need to try something different or new to keep our senses sharp and our minds stimulated. These winter months and cold temps make us want to stay in and read a book or try a new soup or stew recipe. I want to encourage you to get out to a new Interest Group, one you have not attended before or tried for a while. Is there one you have been wondering about? Have you ever wanted to document your family history for your grandchildren to read some day? Or learn to play Mexican Train Dominoes? Or meet new friends for breakfast or at happy hour? Not sure what to expect? Just contact the chair and they will fill you in on what's happening.

I am very much looking forward to our February 12 luncheon with Eli Simon, the Chancellor's Professor of Drama, and founding Artistic Director of the UCI New Swan Shakespeare Festival. He is such a talent -- should be an amazing day.

There is so much to do with Town and Gown – look through this newsletter and give something different a try this month. Let's wake up those winter cobwebs. And remember, together we can do anything.

Judith Larson
President, 2019-2020

COURTESY PROGRAM:

Whenever a member of Town and Gown passes away, the Treasurer makes a \$25 donation in memory of the deceased. The Corresponding Secretary writes a note of condolence, informs the family of the donation, and requests that a notice be placed in the Town Crier, In Memoriam. When anyone in a member's immediate family passes away, the Corresponding Secretary writes a note of sympathy to the member. Please notify the Corresponding Secretary, Carolyn Woolhouse (714) 401-0821, or by email at: eclectic.sentiment@att.net.

In Memoriam
****Darlene Hoag****

SAVE THE DATE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2020

Professor Holly Poe Durbin, School of Drama at the UCI Claire Trevor School of the Arts. Many of you will remember Professor Durbin's wonderful presentation to us several years ago on "Film Noir." She will present "Blast from the Past...Fashion Revivals as Time Travel." **Costa Mesa Country Club**

Please note: We are working hard to improve the microphone situation at the CMCC.

MEET THE SCHOLAR – Shawnie Leaf



Shawnie received the scholarship supported by the Constance McBrien Endowment that provides undergraduate support to assist women students with severe financial need and the motivation to complete their studies. The scholarship is administered by Town and Gown working with the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships. Shawnie had a five-year break in her education. She is transferring to UCI from Goldenwest College into the School of Social Ecology to study Psychology and Social Behavior. She hopes to pursue a career with a non-profit organization that will enable her to assist our most vulnerable populations.

To Town and Gown:

I wanted to take a moment to reach out to everyone to express how grateful I am to receive the award. Not only will this scholarship alleviate financial stress, it also is the physical manifestation of something that I felt after our interview: a keen sense of a supportive community.

As you had noticed, I was extremely nervous at the beginning of the interview. One of my greatest fears in life is to be found wanting, and I had convinced myself that my thoughts, ideas, and my accomplishments, would pale in comparison to my UCI peers. However, your words of encouragement, and your kindness- made a lasting impression. I walked out of the interview not only feeling like I belonged at UCI, but that I had something of worth to contribute. Each day, I find ways to honor the different pieces of advice you had given me by taking actionable steps towards remaining true to myself, to expand my network, and to never give up on both myself and my passions.

Knowing that I have the support of a collective body of educators and influential people means more to me than words can express. Thank you for your kind words, your encouragement, your wisdom, and, of course, for this amazing opportunity.

In solidarity, Shawnie Leaf

New member:

Linda Rosenzweig
8656 Fresno #509B, Huntington Beach CA 92646
Email lindarosen@gmail.com_ (714) 374 2062
Contact Marsha Scott (714) 803 4980

Renewing member

Chris Pappas

If you need **directions** or a ride to any event, please call the Chair of the Interest Group or one of the Board members. We will do everything we can to help you with transportation. **Your \$3.00 donation when attending and participating in the various Interest Groups helps us grow our Scholarship funds.** Last year, Town and Gown raised over \$4,000 from these Interest Group donations!

Appreciating the Past

ALL THINGS VINTAGE

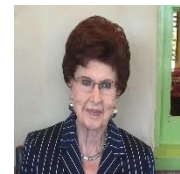
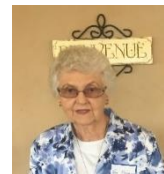
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DATE/TIME: Wednesday, January 15, 10:00 a.m.
SUBJECT: "The Art of the Sea," Arthur Beaumont Paintings (1890-1978) Exhibition
PLACE: The Bowers Museum, Santa Ana, 2002 N Main St
(714) 567-3600
SPEAKER: Docent if available
DATE/TIME: Wednesday, February 19, 10:00 a.m.
SUBJECT: Antique Cottage Creations and The Find Consignment Shop.
(949) 278-7045
PLACE: The Row, NB. Off 17th St and Old Newport Beach Blvd. Park and walk
across a parking lot. Details to follow.
CHAIRS: Denise Bletsos: (714) 969-6413, Carol Cowden: (949) 645-2922

FAMILY HISTORY WRITING

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DATE/TIME: Wednesday, January 22, 1:00 p.m.
PLACE: Home of Denise Bletsos, 6462 Doral Dr, HB (714) 887-6275
TOPIC: "Food." This is such a "delicious" topic it needs no further introduction!
DETAILS: Guests are welcome. Please call the hostess and let her know you would like to visit. As always, if you are a regular member and cannot come, please let Denise know that!
DATE/TIME: Wednesday, February 26, 1:00 p.m.
PLACE: Home of Corinne Stover, 1224 Conway Ave, CM. (714) 432-7371
TOPIC: "How Did You Learn to Read?" What a fascinating topic - and WHAT did you read in those early days? Has reading been a force? A comfort? In your life? Lots of ideas?
DETAILS: Guests are welcome. We suggest a donation to Town and Gown's scholarship fund based on \$3.00/each meeting. Most members prefer to write one check in March or April. Donations are welcome anytime.
CHAIRS: Joan Thompson: (949) 857-5304, Bonnie Feers: (949) 786-4020

Enjoying Nature

BIRDERS

Our group meets twice a month to get outdoors and experience a bit of nature. We choose from 18 parks or nature areas with easy trails and seek out as many species of birds as we can to identify and enjoy. Along the way we also see a wide variety of plants and other animals. No birding experience is required so we have beginners through advanced members who want to learn, improve their skills, or photograph birds. On the first and third Tuesdays of the month we meet at the designated location by 8:15 a.m. so we can begin birding promptly at 8:30 a.m. Members receive an email in advance of each meeting with the same information as well as any changes that might be necessary. Some locations charge a fee for parking. Binoculars and/or camera recommended.

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DATE/TIME: Tuesday, January 7, 8:15 a.m.

PLACE: **Huntington Central Park** (Edwards entrance), 6741 Central Park Dr, HB. Free. From PCH, turn north onto Goldenwest, left on Garfield, right onto Edwards, right onto Central Park Dr. Or from the 405, exit Warner westbound, left onto Edwards, left onto Central Park Dr. Go to the end and make a hard right into the parking area. Park near the restrooms and playground. Lunch is at Kathy May's restaurant in the park.



DATE/TIME: Tuesday, January 21, 8:15 a.m.

PLACE: **Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary and Modjeska Preserve**, 29322 Modjeska Canyon Rd, Silverado. Free. From Jamboree, turn right onto Santiago Canyon Rd, cross the 241 Toll Road and travel about ten miles. Turn left onto Modjeska Canyon Rd. The Sanctuary is at the end of the road. From south county, take El Toro Rd east to Santiago Canyon Rd, then turn right on Modjeska Canyon Rd until it ends. We will carpool to the Modjeska Preserve for a moderately strenuous walk (walking sticks suggested), then return to the Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary. Lunch at Cook's Corner.

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, February 4, 8:15 a.m.

PLACE: **Peters Canyon Regional Park**, 8548 Canyon View Rd, OR. Fee \$3.00 or OC Regional Parks pass. Take Jamboree north towards the mountains, then left onto Canyon View. Park entrance is on the left. From the south, take the 241 Toll Road, exit at Jamboree, turn left, then right onto Canyon View. We will eat at John's Place, 8400 East Chapman, OR.

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, February 18, 8:15 a.m.

PLACE: **Nix Nature Center**, 18751 Laguna Canyon Rd, LB. Fee \$3.00 or OC Regional Parks pass. Take the 133 South from the I-5 (6 miles). The nature center is on the right. Or take the 73 Toll Road, exit the 133 (Laguna Canyon Rd), turn left. The nature center will be on the left. Bring a picnic lunch.

CHAIRS: Mary Anne Skorpanich: (714) 299-1863 Marlene Brajdic: (714) 905-6641.

Book Discussion Groups

AM-PM BOOK GROUP

JANUARY - FEBRUARY

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, January 21, 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Home of Lea Lowe, 1151 Gleneagles Terrace, CM
(714) 469-9588

BOOK: *Our Mother's War*, by Emily Yallin

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, February 18, 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Home of Reiko Nagano, 18745 Via Verona, IRV (949) 854-3094

BOOK: "The Library," by Susan Orlean

CHAIR: Connie Nelson: (714) 540-4902, Lea Lowe: (714) 469-9588



SHARE A BOOK

JANUARY - FEBRUARY

Join us to share the book(s) you are currently reading or information about your favorite author.

DATE/TIME: Monday, January 27, 7:00 p.m.

DATE/TIME: Monday, February 24, 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Home of Cathey Ryder, 19882 Felcliff Ln, HB

CHAIR: Cathey Ryder (714) 470-1353

Games

BRIDGE

JANUARY - FEBRUARY

DATE/TIME: Thursday, January 9, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

DATE/TIME: Thursday, February 13, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club, 1601 Bayside Dr, CdM

DETAILS: Lunch at the yacht club. New members are always welcome. *Call for reservations or cancellations.*

OTHER: \$4.00 plus your lunch at the club

CHAIRS: Judith Larson: (714) 969-4415, Mira Craig: (949) 786-4250



MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

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You are welcome to join us to play Mexican Train Dominoes. We play on the third Thursday of the month. Join in on the fun and conversation!

DATE/TIME: Thursday, January 16, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
DATE/TIME: Thursday, February 20, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
PLACE: Home of Cathey Ryder, 19882 Felcliff Ln, HB
DETAILS: Please RSVP pamelakirk@cox.net
CHAIR: Pam Kirkendall: (949) 422-4579



Arts Appreciation

MUSIC

JANUARY - FEBRUARY

The Music Group meets at 1:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of most months. We typically do not meet during July, August, or September

WHAT: Music Department students perform miscellaneous classical pieces
DATE/TIME: First Wednesday of the month at 1:30
PLACE: Regents' Point, 19191 Harvard Ave, IRV
CHAIRS: Paul Kanter: (310) 991-8519, Harriet Steinhaus: (949) 725-3372



NEEDLEWORK AND FRIENDS GATHERING

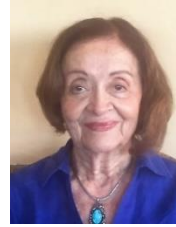
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DATE/TIME: Friday, January 10, 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: Home of Denise Bletsos, 6462 Doral Dr, HB
Please RSVP (714) 887-6275, dabletsos@yahoo.com
DETAILS: Please bring your project and lunch. Denise will provide beverages and dessert.
DATE/TIME: Friday, February 14, 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: Home of Sue Kline, 8 Bethany, IRV
Please RSVP (949) 854-1596, edsuek@yahoo.com
DETAILS: Please bring your project and lunch. Sue will provide beverages and dessert.
CHAIRS: Carolyn Woolhouse: (714) 401-0821, Carol Freund: (949) 786-7828



PLEIN AIR PAINTING

We meet at various outdoor scenic locations, focusing on seascapes, mountains, shore life and quaint and/or historical buildings. Watercolors, acrylics, oils, charcoal – any medium you prefer is welcome.



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DATE/TIME: Monday, January 13, 9:30 a.m. to noon

PLACE: Laguna locations

DATE/TIME: Monday, February 10, 9:30 a.m. to noon

PLACE: Newport Back Bay

CHAIRS: Magda Abramson: (714) 960-0887, Eula Casselman: (714) 639-1226

Food, Fun, and Friends

SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

JANUARY

DATE/TIME: Saturday, January 11, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: The Broken Yolk Café, 2701 Harbor Blvd, CM

DETAILS: Treat yourself to a fluffy stack of buttermilk pancakes, some down-home chicken and waffles, or just good old-fashioned bacon and eggs.

NOTE: RSVP Cathey Ryder: the4ryders@gmail.com

CHAIRS: Cathey and Bob Ryder: (714) 470-1353

HAPPY HOUR IN HISTORIC OC

FEBRUARY

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, February 18, 4:30 p.m.

PLACE: Azteca Mexican Restaurant, 12922 Historic Main St, GG

DETAILS: Back in 1957, the "first" Azteca Mexican Restaurant was opened by Aunt Connie on Garden Grove Boulevard, a short distance from here. Huell Howser filmed one of Howser's "California's Gold" series for KCET-TV. at Azteca. Please RSVP to the chairs.

CHAIRS: Cathey and Bob Ryder: (714) 470-1353, or the4ryders@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY AFTEROON AT THE MOVIES

JANUARY

Join me at Regency Theater, South Coast Plaza for the Wednesday Senior Matinee. Email me for movie title and show time Cathey Ryder: the4ryders@gmail.com.

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, January 8

CHAIR: Cathey Ryder (714) 470-1353

No movie in February. Please attend the Scholarship Luncheon.

RSVP TEAR SHEET

UCI Town and Gown Luncheon

Costa Mesa Country Club

Wednesday, February 12, 2020 11:00 A.M.

Lunch menu consists of:

Garden Salad with Choice of Dressing, Fresh Rolls and Butter

Herb Roasted Chicken Breast with Lemon Caper Sauce

Tiny Potatoes, Fresh Asparagus, Carrots and Squash

Carrot Cake

Coffee, Hot Tea, Iced Tea and Water

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

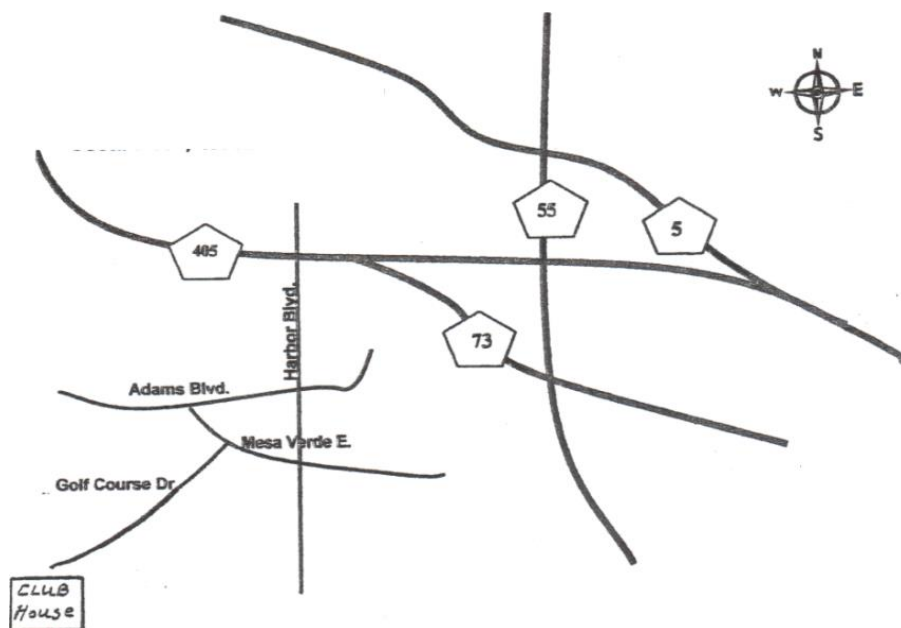
Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Please send your reservation and check for \$35 per person, payable to UCI Town and Gown, on or before February 1; **after that date the amount will be \$40.**

Please send to: Denis Bletsos, 6462 Doral Dr, HB, CA 92648 (714) 887-6275

Costa Mesa Country Club, 1701 Golf Course Drive, Costa Mesa 92626



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NOVEMBER-DECEMBER INTEREST GROUP CALENDAR

MONDAY:

9:30 a.m., Plein-Air Painting (2nd Monday)

7:00 p.m., Share a Book (4th Monday)

TUESDAY:

8:30 a.m., Birders (1st and 3rd Tuesdays)

1:00 p.m., AM/PM Book Group (3rd Tuesday)

WEDNESDAY:

10:00 a.m., All Things Vintage (3rd Wednesday)

11:30 a.m. or after 1:00 p.m., Wednesday Afternoon at the Movies (2nd Wednesday)
(No movie in February)

1:00 p.m., Family History Writing (4th Wednesday)

1:30 p.m., Music (1st Wednesday)

THURSDAY:

10:00 a.m., Bridge (2nd Thursday)

1:00 p.m., Mexican Train (3rd Thursday)

4:30 p.m., Happy Hour in Historic OC (4 times a year)

FRIDAY:

10:00 a.m., Needlework and Friends Gathering (2nd Friday)

SATURDAY:

9:00 a.m., Saturday Morning Breakfast (4 times a year)

Please contact chairs with any questions!



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