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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.

Friday, February 18, 2022

UCI Town and Gown Zoom Webinar

Claudia Kawas, MD, "Al and Trish Nichols Chair in Clinical Neuroscience, and Professor of Neurobiology and Behavior and Neurology" at UCI

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE "90+ Study"

Friday, February 18, at 1:00 p.m. For the safety of everyone the previously announced luncheon has been converted to a free online event. The Zoom link will be emailed to you on **Wednesday, February 16**. Please be sure to join us for this very special learning opportunity.

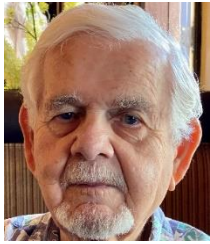
During an interview on "60 Minutes" Dr. Kawas said "I really believe that when we learn things from the 90-year-olds they're going to be helping the 60- and 70-year-olds, not just how to become 90-year-olds, but how to do it with style and as good a function as possible." In 2017 Dr. Kawas was awarded the "Potamkin Prize" for Alzheimer's as "the person deemed to have done the most to help in its treatment."

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

There is no cost for the webinar.

Many thanks to Lori Ann Alejo, Jill Livingston and the special events support team at UCI for making this online program possible.

President's Message



Once again, the damnable COVID has mutated, bringing us the Omicron Variant, and forcing us to cancel the luncheon we were hoping to enjoy with you on February 18th. Fortunately, sometimes when life gives us lemons, we are able to make lemonade. Thus, you'll have to provide your own lunch, but please plan to join us online, via Zoom, at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, February 18th, as UCI Professor Dr. Claudia Kawas will tell us about her renowned 90+ study, and the current state of Alzheimer research. The Zoom link will be emailed to everyone starting February 14th, which just happens to be Valentine's Day.

Dr. Kawas specializes in neuroscience and behavior. The "90+" Study focuses on memory and dementia. Attending her presentation is an opportunity to learn facts and techniques that can help us live longer and more productive lives.

Health and safety considerations permitting, in May of 2022 Professor Holly Poe Durbin of UCI's Claire Trevor School of the Arts will again talk to us about costume design. Many of you will remember Holly's wonderfully entertaining "Film Noir" costume presentation at a Costa Mesa Country Club luncheon several years ago. This was one of our very most attended events. Circumstances permitting, our May event will be at the Mile Square Golf Banquet Center. In addition to her UCI teaching, Holly is a working professional costume designer with many years of experience. For your own benefit and enjoyment, and also for the continued success of UCI Town and Gown, I urge you to attend and support these events.

Happy Valentine's Day and good health to everyone,

Paul Kanter
President

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@gmail.com

In Memoriam

Jean Keating

Holly Fuhrer

Please make the following changes in your 2021-2022 Yearbook:

New Phone Numbers:

Marilyn Anania
(714) 496-7915

Leslie DeHart
(714) 963-6726

New Email:
Sally Menzel

sally.f.menzel@gmail.com

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.**

Appreciating the Past

ALL THINGS VINTAGE

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DATE/TIME: Wednesday, March 16, 10:30 a.m.

PLACE: The Orange Circle in Orange (Glassell and Chapman).

SUBJECT: Visit to the antique shops around the Orange Circle.

We will inform members of the meeting place later.

We will also select a local restaurant for lunch afterwards.

NOTE: Please call Denise Bletsos (714) 949-6413 or Carol Cowden (949) 645-2922 and leave a message if you would like to join the group.

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, April 20, 10:30 a.m.

PLACE: 2939 Cassia, NB (Mary Finnecey's home)

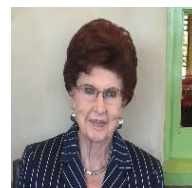
SUBJECT: One of Mary's Vintage Collections

DETAILS: Please call the chairs if you would like to join the group.

CHAIRS: Denise Bletsos (714) 969-6413, Carol Cowden (949) 645-2922

FAMILY HISTORY MEMOIR WRITING GROUP

MARCH - APRIL



DATE/TIME: Thursday, March 10, 11:00 a.m.

DATE/TIME: Thursday, April 14

DETAILS: Location and suggested topics to be determined. Guests are welcome.

CHAIR: Deb Penley (949) 559-6726, or dhollandpenley@gmail.com

Enjoying Nature



BIRDERS

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We meet the first and third Tuesdays. Lunch optional. Please arrive at the location by 8:15 so we can begin birding promptly at 8:30 a.m. Call us if you are running late and want us to wait for you. If it is *really* raining or windy the trip is cancelled. Masks may be required for the trail and the restaurants to best protect our members and those who serve us. If you're not sure, call one of the chairs: Marlene Braidic (714) 905-6641 marlene.braidic@outlook.com, Mary Anne Skorpanich (714) 299-1863 skorpanich@icloud.com

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, March 1

PLACE: Oak Canyon Nature Center, 6700 E. Walnut Canyon Rd, AN. Free. Take the 55 north, exit at Lincoln/Nohl Ranch Rd; turn left and then turn immediate right onto Nohl Ranch Road. Immediately after the Anaheim Hills Golf Course, turn left onto Walnut Canyon Dr. The entrance to the parking lot is at the end of the road on the left. The Nature Center does not open until 9 a.m., but the trails are open earlier so we will still meet at 8:15 a.m. Lunch is at the Anaheim Hills Golf Course, 6501 E. Nohl Ranch Rd, AN.

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, March 15

PLACE: Oso Creek Trail, 24932 Veterans Way, MV. Free. Take La Paz north from the I-5. Go about two miles and turn left at Veteran's Way. Park at the Norman P. Murray Senior Center. Meet in front of the Center. Bring a picnic lunch

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, April 5

PLACE: Laguna Niguel Regional Park, 28241 La Paz, LN. Fee \$3.00 or OC Regional Parks pass. Take I-5 or the 73 Toll Road south, exit La Paz and turn right toward the ocean. From PCH take Crown Valley Parkway then left onto La Paz. Lunch is at Avila's Mexican Restaurant. From the park, turn left onto La Paz, then left onto Aliso Creek. The restaurant is in the shopping center on your right.

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, April 19

PLACE: Fairview Park, 2501 Placentia Avenue, CM. Free. From the 55 south, exit Victoria to the right. Then right onto Placentia. Park entrance on left. Alternatively, take the 405 to Harbor Drive south. Turn right on Adams and left on Placentia to the Park entrance on right. Bring a picnic lunch.

Book Discussion Groups

BOOK CLUB

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DATE/TIME: Tuesday, March 15, 1:00 p.m.

BOOK: *Killers of the Flower Moon and the Rise of the FBI* by David Grann

PLACE: Home of Connie Nelson, 995 Hartford Way, CM
(949) 854-3094

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, April 19, 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: TBD

BOOK: *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson

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



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LET'S TALK ABOUT BOOKS AND AUTHORS Via Zoom and the comfort of home. Join us with a cup of tea or a glass of wine to share what you have been reading.



DATE/TIME: Monday, March 28, 7:00 p.m.
DATE/TIME: Monday, April 25, 7:00 p.m.
WHAT: Talk about books and authors.
PLACE: RSVP for Zoom link.
CHAIR: Cathey Ryder (714) 470-1353, the4ryders@gmail.com

Games

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BRIDGE

Until further notice I will contact the members of the bridge club as information becomes available.
CHAIR: Ann Shonstrom: (949) 786-3062; shonstroms@sbcglobal.net

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. Since the weather will be better, WE WILL BE PLAYING OUTDOORS. Join in on the fun and conversation!



DATE/TIME: Thursday, March 17, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
DATE/TIME: Thursday, April 21, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
PLACE: Home of Cathey Ryder, 19882 Felcliff Ln, HB
DETAILS: Please RSVP to pamelakirk@cox.net or text (949) 422-4579
CHAIR: Pam Kirkendall (949) 422-4579

OC PARKS WALK

MARCH

DATE/TIME: Thursday, March 24, 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: Civic Center Park, 100 Civic Center Dr and Avocado, NB. From PCH go north on Avocado; pass the NB Library and turn right on Civic Center Dr.
PARK/MEET: Park in the parking structure or the drive into it. Meet at the base of the path into the park.
DETAILS: Entire walk is 1.23 miles, up and down hill on paved walkway. Check out concrete rabbits and Newport Beach artists' sculptures.
LUNCH: Bristol Farms on Avocado
CHAIRS: Denise Bletsos: (714) 969-6413; Diane Howell: (714)-960-7170

Arts Appreciation

MUSIC

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HOPE IS STILL ON THE HORIZON!!



But, unfortunately, currently all Town and Gown music remains cancelled indefinitely. The UCI students and our friend, Professor Nina Scolnik, are ready to play for us; but understandably, Regents Point is not yet willing to allow "outside groups" in. Perhaps this will change soon, and we monitor the situation regularly.

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

DATE/TIME: First Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

WHAT: Music Department students perform miscellaneous classical pieces

PLACE: **Regents' Point Senior Living Community***, 19191 Harvard Ave, IRV

CHAIR: Paul Kanter (310) 991-8519, Elisabeth Hoskins (949) 646-3074

NEEDLEWORK AND FRIENDS GATHERING

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DATE/TIME: Friday, March 11, 10:00 a.m.

DATE/TIME: Friday, April 8, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Zoom meeting

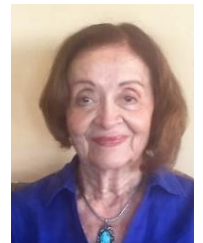
DETAILS: Cathey Ryder will be the Zoom Hostess. Please RSVP to her if you will be attending the Zoom Meeting. Featured will be a scavenger hunt, a needlework project presentation, kitchen sharing, and other items of interest to be determined.

CHAIR: Lauren Nivans: (714) 748-2884

PLEIN AIR PAINTING

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



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HAPPY HOUR WITH FRIENDS

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, March 9, 4:30 p.m.

PLACE: Ouzo and Feta 19171 Magnolia HB

DETAILS: Please RSVP to Cathey and Bob Ryder via call, text or email. RSVP is a must to save a spot for you.

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

MARCH - APRIL INTEREST GROUP CALENDAR

MONDAY:

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

7:00 p.m., Let's Talk About Books and Authors Via Zoom (4th Monday)

TUESDAY:

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

1:00 p.m., Book Club (3rd Tuesday)

WEDNESDAY:

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

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

4:30 p.m., Happy Hour with Friends

THURSDAY:

10:30 a.m., Bridge (2nd Thursday)

1:00 p.m., Family History Memoir Writing Group (2nd Thursday)

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

4:30 p.m., Happy Hour with Friends

FRIDAY:

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