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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 ANNUAL MEETING

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF 2020-2021 OFFICERS

“BLAST FROM THE PAST” FASHION REVIVALS AS TIME TRAVEL

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Registration begins at 11:00 a.m.

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

We are very happy to enthusiastically welcome back Professor Holly Poe Durbin, Costume Designer, UCI Professor of Costume Design Studies, the Claire Trevor School of the Arts. Many of you will remember Professor Durbin's fascinating presentation to us several years ago on "Film Noir." She is a professional costume designer for theater, opera, themed entertainment and independent films. You won't want to miss it!

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



Hello again -- I hope your new year is starting out as a positive and happy one for you. Did you try a new Interest Group yet? If not, pick one that looks like fun and give it a try.

Shortly our Nominating Committee will begin the process of selecting the slate of officers for the 2020-2021 term. If you are approached, please consider volunteering. No organization, no matter how significant their mission or purpose, can survive and grow without the support of their membership.

Support can be financial. But what is also needed in equal measure is your time. Consider volunteering to take on some of the work – the planning of events – serving in a position on the Board – a turn as Chair of an Interest Group – working on committees. As the saying goes, ‘many hands make light work’. Without your support, UCI Town and Gown – like any worthy organization – will not survive.

And, if you would like to put yourself forward for a position, or just offer to support where you can, please contact Denise Bletsos, dabletsos@yahoo.com.

We are excited to have Holly Poe Durbin, Head of the Costume Department at the UCI Claire Trevor School of the Arts, speaking to us at our May 13th luncheon on “Time Travel Through Vintage Clothes” including a discussion on why we have fashion revivals. Holly has an amazing background of both knowledge and experience in theater and fashion – this will be a real treat.

Hope to see you soon at one of our events. Happy Spring!

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
****Suzanne Miller****

MEET THE SCHOLARS – Carissa Nihart



Carissa received the scholarship that promotes annual undergraduate support. Recipients are selected by the Scholarship Committee of UCI Town and Gown.

Carissa had an 11-year break in her education. She is transferring from Irvine Valley College to UCI as a junior in the School of Humanities as a Film and Media Studies student. After graduation she hopes to pursue a career in the entertainment industry as a writer, director and documentarian, telling stories that matter and raise awareness of social issues.

“Dear UCI Town and Gown Members and Donors,

Thanks to the Town and Gown scholarship I am approaching my time at UCI with confidence and security. The knowledge that I can devote myself to my studies and make UCI an even better school is both comforting and inspiring to me. I am truly grateful for this amazing gift and what it means for my future. I am motivated to work my hardest scholastically, professionally, and personally to achieve my goals and in turn pay forward the generosity I have been shown as a scholarship recipient. I hope this underscores how much the non-traditional student appreciates that this scholarship exists and that the work you do is impactful. Feeling the barriers to furthering my education slip away leaves me with a renewed sense of purpose and freedom. Thank you for all this scholarship means to myself and the other recipients now and in our futures.

Forever grateful,
Carissa Nihart”

Tiffany Hillegaart



Tiffany received the scholarship supported by the Frederick R. McBrien III Endowment that provides undergraduate student support to assist students in the SCIENCES with severe financial need and the motivation to complete their studies. The scholarship is to be administered by Town and Gown working with the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships.

Tiffany had a 10-year break in her education. She transferred to UCI Nursing School with credits from both Mt. San Antonio College and Citrus College. Once she graduates, she wants to be a nurse who not only helps patients, but a nurse who contributes from a research perspective to support evidence-based practice and support legislative reform for the career. She may even teach

nurses of the future!

“I want to sincerely thank everyone from Town and Gown for seeing something in me and believing in my aspirations for the future. Thank you for providing me the opportunity to ease some of the financial strain that follows being a full-time student and full-time single mother. I cannot express my deepest gratitude, and how much this truly means to me. I only hope that one day I will be able to achieve all the goals I have set for myself and remember that I could not have done it all on my own. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

All the best,
Tiffany”

Please make the following changes/additions to your yearbook:

New member:

Sandra J. Smith
1328 Cartegena, NB, 92660-3283
yetanothersmith@me.com

Renewing member:

Liz Grant
917 California St, HB, 92648-4301
(818) 800-9829
lhgrant@verizon.net

UCI Town and Gown Is Using Social Media

To continue to grow both our awareness at UCI and our membership, your Board of Directors is using social media. We also have a website, ucitownandgown.com, and our own email address: ucitownandgown@gmail.com.

FaceBook is used across many age groups. In 2019, 68% of ages 50-64 reported daily use and 60% ages 65 and older reported 2-3 times per week use. This is our target age for adding new members. **LIKE** our **FaceBook page at UCI Town and Gown**. If you use FaceBook, invite your friends to **LIKE our page**. I did and now the Costa Mesa Mayor is following our page. If you see an interesting activity or event on our page, **SHARE**. I post about our Town and Gown Activities. The goal is to make us look fun and engaging.

Instagram use is highest for ages 18-45. We are using that site to raise awareness of our brand and the scholarships available for UCI students. We currently have **212** followers. Almost all of our followers are connected to UCI. I post things about student life and motivational messages. The goal is to raise awareness of UCI Town and Gown at UCI. **You can follow us at [ucitownandgown](http://ucitownandgown.com).**

Twitter use is primarily those who are ages 64 and younger. The goal here is to reach potential scholarship recipients and raise awareness about Town and Gown at UCI. **On Twitter we are found @GownUci.**

I encourage you to visit our webpage, open your Town and Gown emails and follow us on our various social media sites.

Cathey Ryder, Social Media Coordinator

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

MARCH - APRIL



DATE/TIME: Wednesday, March 18, 10:00 a.m.

SUBJECT: "History of Chocolate"

PLACE: Home of Denise Bletsos, 6462 Doral Dr, HB (714) 969-6413

SPEAKER: Darrell Rivers, President of the HB Historical Civil War Reenactment Society

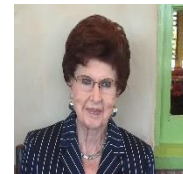
DATE/TIME: Wednesday, April 15, 10:00 a.m.

: **TBD – We will inform our Appreciating the Past Members as soon as we can**

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

FAMILY HISTORY WRITING

MARCH - APRIL



DATE/TIME: Wednesday, March 25, 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Home of Bonnie Feers, 19 Eucalyptus, IRV (949) 786-4020

TOPIC: "How My Name Was Chosen." Do you know? Was it after a relative or someone your parents admired? What did you think about your name as you were growing up? How do you feel about it now? How did YOU decide on your children's names?

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 Bonnie know that!

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, April 22, 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: TBA (please call chairs for information)

TOPIC: "What Does Your Ancestry Tell You?" Does it tell interesting stories? Does it give you clues about your own life? Are there mysteries in your family history? So you want to know more?

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: Deb Penley: (949) 559-6726, 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.

MARCH - APRIL

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, March 3, 8:15 a.m.

PLACE: **Oak Canyon Nature Center**, 6700 E Walnut Canyon Rd, Anaheim. Free.

Take the 55 N, exit at Lincoln/Nohl Ranch Rd; turn left and then turn immediate R onto Nohl Ranch Rd. Immediately after the Anaheim Hills Golf Course, turn L 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 9:00, but the trails are open earlier, so we will still meet at 8:15. Lunch is at the Anaheim Hills Golf Course.



DATE/TIME: Tuesday, March 17, 8:15 a.m.

PLACE: **Oso Creek Trail**, 24932 Veteran's Way, MV. Free. Take La Paz N from the I-5. Go about 2 miles and turn L at Veteran's Way. Park in the Norman P. Murray Senior Center. Meet in front of the Center. Bring a picnic lunch.

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

PLACE: **Laguna Niguel Regional Park**, 28241 La Paz, LN. Fee \$3.00 or OC Regional Parks Pass. Take I-5 or the 73 Toll Rd south, exit La Paz and turn R toward the ocean. From PCH, take Crown Valley Pkwy, the L onto La Paz. Lunch is at Avila's Mexican Restaurant.

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

PLACE: **Fairview Park**, 2501 Placentia Ave, CM. Free. From the 55 S, exit Victoria to the right. Then R onto Placentia. Park entrance on left. Alternatively, take the 405 to Harbor Dr S. Turn R on Adams, and L on Placentia to the park entrance. Bring a lunch.

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

Book Discussion Groups

AM-PM BOOK GROUP

MARCH - APRIL

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, March 17, 1:00 p.m.

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

BOOK: *Killers of the Flower-Moon* by David Grann

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

PLACE: Home of Corinne Stover, 1224 Conway Ave, CM (714) 432-7371

BOOK: *The Woman Who Smashed Codes* by Jason Fagone

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



SHARE A BOOK

MARCH - APRIL

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

DATE/TIME: Monday, March 23, 7:00 p.m.

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

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

CHAIR: Cathey Ryder (714) 470-1353

Games

BRIDGE

MARCH - APRIL

DATE/TIME: Thursday, March 12, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

DATE/TIME: Thursday, April 9, 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



We have exciting news . . . the *Town Crier* is going digital, starting with the May--August issue of this newsletter. As you may know, our newsletter is posted and available on our website, www.ucitownandgown.com, and has been since September 2019. It is so easy to select "newsletter" from the list across the top of the home page, and then click on the issue you want to read. You have it in an instant, always available when you need it. And you will receive an email notifying you when a new issue has been posted!

Watch for a letter in your mail with more information, including what to do if you need to receive a paper copy via mail.

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

MARCH - APRIL

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, March 19, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

DATE/TIME: Thursday, April 16, 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

MARCH - APRIL

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

MARCH - APRIL

DATE: Friday, March 13

EVENT: Train trip to downtown LA to view actual costumes worn in movies by designers nominated for the 2020 Academy Awards.

PLACE: Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, 919 S Grand Ave

DETAILS: **FREE: LOTS OF WALKING:** board Amtrak in OC to Union Station then subway to Grand Ave. Then walk to FIDM.

NOTE: Contact a co-chair for information about train reservations, boarding, return times, lunch ideas, costs.

DATE/TIME: Friday, April 17, 10:00 a.m. (please note date change due to religious holiday on April 10).

PLACE: Home of Carolyn Woolhouse, 115 Harvard Ct, PI. PLEASE RSVP At (714) 401-0821 or eclectic.sentiment@att.net.

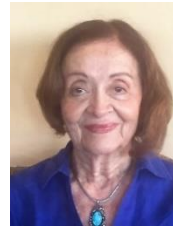
DETAILS: Please bring your needlework project or mending and lunch. Carolyn will provide beverages and dessert.

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.



MARCH - APRIL

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

PLACE: Huntington Beach

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

PLACE: Newport

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

Food, Fun, and Friends

SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

MARCH

DATE/TIME: Saturday, March 28, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Mama's on 39. 21022 Beach Blvd, HB. (Cross street Atlanta)

DETAILS: Mama's kitchen was always the one spot in our home where we gathered to enjoy each other and our Mama's amazing cooking. Mama always knew how to make everything all right, regardless of the world around us.

NOTE: RSVP Cathey Ryder: the4ryders@gmail.com or (714) 470-1353

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

HAPPY HOUR IN HISTORIC OC

APRIL

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, April 8 4:30 p.m.

PLACE: Muldoon's Irish Pub, 202 Newport Center Dr, NB

DETAILS: Life is too important to be taken so seriously." ~ Oscar Wilde

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

WEDNESDAY AFTEROON AT THE MOVIES

MARCH - APRIL

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, March 11

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, April 8

CHAIR: Cathey Ryder (714) 470-1353

RSVP TEAR SHEET

UCI Town and Gown Annual Meeting and Luncheon

**Costa Mesa Country Club
Wednesday, May 13, 2020 11:00 A.M.**

Lunch menu:

Lasagna, Garden Salad with Choice of Dressing, Garlic Bread,
Roasted Vegetables, New York Cheesecake, Coffee, Tea and Iced Tea
Vegetarian option available upon request

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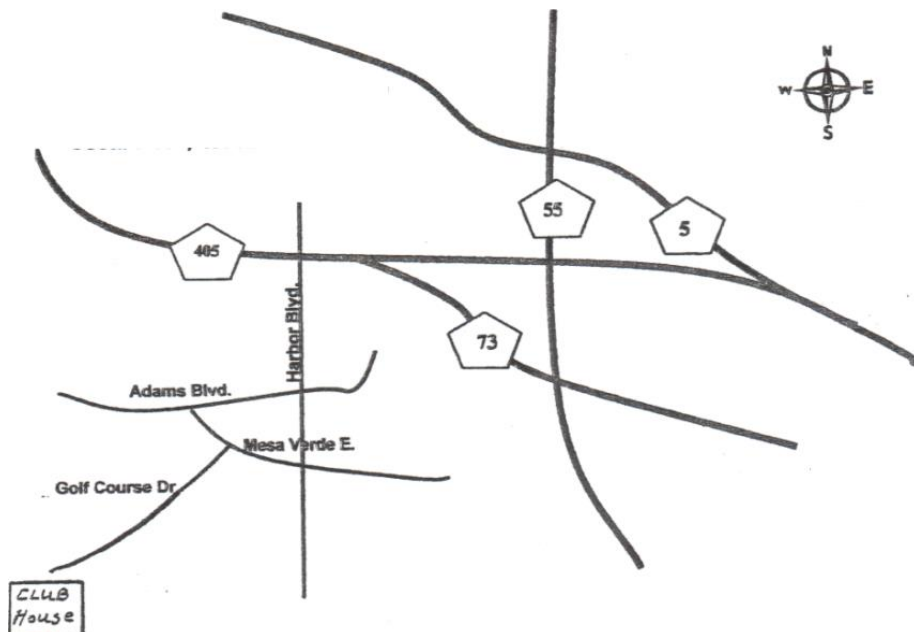
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Please send your reservation and check for \$35 per person, payable to UCI Town and Gown, on or before May 1: **after that date the amount will be \$40.**

Mail reservations to: **Kathy Ellis 13591 Fairmont Way, Tustin, CA 92780**

Reservation questions call: (714) 679-2801

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



MARCH - APRIL 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)

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

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

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

THURSDAY:

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

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

FRIDAY:

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

April's gathering is the 3rd Friday

SATURDAY:

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

Please contact chairs with any questions!



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