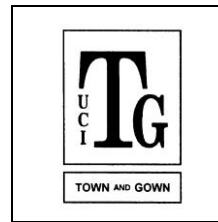


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*Our membership is open to everyone in the community (Town) and University faculty and staff (Gown). We support our unique scholarship program for students returning after a break of five years or more in their education. We offer social and educational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



## ***ANNOUNCING A UCI STUDENT VIRTUAL CONCERT VIA ZOOM\* at 1:30 pm on MARCH 17, 2021***

We owe a sincere debt of gratitude to our friend and supporter, Professor Nina Scolnik of the UCI music department, with whom our Music Interest Group has worked closely for several years. Nina is busily organizing some of her students to perform for us, and to also curate the music that we will enjoy. Our vision is that each student will discuss their individual musical selections. This program is now scheduled for **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, at 1:30 P.M.** Please look for the Zoom link in your email in early March.

**\*Past President and ZOOM expert Cathey Ryder has volunteered to assist with any help you might need to utilize ZOOM. Please feel free to contact Cathey for help at [the4ryders@gmail.com](mailto:the4ryders@gmail.com).**



HOPE. Such a wonderful word. The vaccines are finally available and eventually we will be able to meet in person again. I cannot wait to see and share a hug with you all, hopefully at our Coffee and Conversation event at Sherman Library and Gardens in September.

While our usual luncheon meetings have not been possible during the pandemic, we are so fortunate to have had access to UCI's long list of webinars and lectures available on-line to us over the past year. The law department's "Postmortem Election Event" on January 13<sup>th</sup> was especially well done. Professors Richard Hasen and Henry Weinstein were clear and insightful in their evaluation of the 2020 results. We, as Town and Gown members, have so many opportunities to learn from all the amazing, talented professors at UCI.

Our University Relations and Scholarships Selection (URSS) committee is reviewing potential qualified applicants for the 2021-2022 year. I am proud to say that we will be able to award at least six \$5,000 scholarships again this year. Thanks to our membership's generosity, especially two long-time members who *each donated a full \$5,000 scholarship*, and to those members who put together the \$2,500 match challenge during UCI's Giving Day event last fall. It is rewarding to see such response during this most difficult time.

HOPE is also vital for Town and Gown's future. The Nominating Committee is searching for members to serve on the Board. If you are willing to serve, please let us know. If you are approached to serve, please say "yes." *The future of Town and Gown depends on our seating a full Board, including a new President, for the 2021-2022 term.* This has been a significant challenge for more than a decade and our only other option, to dissolve, is not one any of us yet want to acknowledge. Our scholarship work, the sharing of cultural experiences, making new friends and spending time with old ones, all have such value. Let us not let it end for lack of volunteers to serve.

Please stay in touch with each other when you can and share something happy whenever possible. Happy Spring!

Judith Larson, President

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**Please make the following changes to your Town and Gown Yearbook**

Lorraine Horton  
19191 Harvard Ave, SR DCU -2  
IRV, CA 92612

**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

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**Meet the Scholar**

**MICHAEL EVERETT**

Michael plans on a Spring 2022 graduation from UCI with a degree in Chemistry. His goal is to pursue a PhD in Biochemistry and Medicinal Chemistry focusing on the interactions of biological organisms, preferably in immunology or virology. During his 20-year break in education, he was a sergeant in the Marine Corps, fixing electrical and instrumental systems on fixed winged aircraft. He then worked at Boeing assembling, testing, and troubleshooting defense aircraft and most recently at Space X.

*Dear Town and Gown members and the UCI Foundation:  
Thank you so very much for the generous scholarship. I look forward to meeting you all and fostering relationships within the organization. I take tremendous pride in my schoolwork and education. The generosity you have demonstrated will allow me to pursue my education without interruption and without distractions. I look forward to the future when I can give back to the community that so generously provided me the opportunity to complete a college degree I didn’t consider possible for someone like me. I am forever grateful to you all for your gift and look forward to meeting you all in the future.”*

*Michael*

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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!

**NOTE: ALL PLANNED DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION DUE TO THE PANDEMIC. CONTACT CHAIRS TO CONFIRM EACH MONTH. STAY SAFE EVERYONE**

### **Appreciating the Past**

#### **ALL THINGS VINTAGE**

##### **MARCH - APRIL**

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, March 10 at 10:00 a.m. (Please note date change)

SUBJECT: **Learn to make a wreath and ribbon bow for St. Patrick's Day and Easter**

SPEAKERS: Kathy Frazer and Carolyn Woolhouse

MEETING COORDINATOR: **Please email Cathey if you plan to join Zoom for this meeting.**

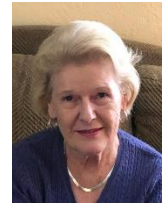
DETAILS: **I shall send out instructions later where to collect your kit (HB, NB, or IRV) The cost will be \$10 in cash at the site.**

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, April 21 at 10:00 a.m.

SUBJECT: **Episodes 3 and 4 of the "Treasures of the Louvre" There is a total of six presentations given by the BBC.**

MEETING COORDINATOR: Cathey Ryder

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



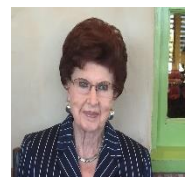
#### **FAMILY HISTORY WRITING**

##### **MARCH - APRIL**

As you are aware, we have been unable to meet for several months due to the pandemic.

We hope, after vaccinations are completed, to be able to meet together again soon. If you have any questions, please contact one of the chairs.

CHAIRS: Deb Penley (949) 559-6726, Bonnie Feers (949) 786-4020



## Enjoying Nature

### BIRDERS

MARCH – APRIL

The Birders Group is canceling their scheduled hikes through October 2021. We will evaluate the situation again in the Fall to determine whether or not to continue with the scheduled bird walks. In the meantime, we encourage all to enjoy backyard birding!

CHAIRS: Mary Anne Skorpanich (714) 299-1863 Marlene Brajdic (714) 905-6641.  
[towngownbirders@gmail.com](mailto:towngownbirders@gmail.com)



## Book Discussion Groups

### BOOK CLUB

MARCH - APRIL

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, March 16, 1:00 p.m.

BOOK: *The Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michelle Richardson

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, April 20, 1:00 p.m.

BOOK: *The Invisible Wall* by Harry Bernstein

DETAILS: BOTH MEETINGS WILL BE ON ZOOM

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



### LET'S TALK ABOUT BOOKS

MARCH - APRIL

Join me for a zoom meeting to talk about books. It can be a book you are currently reading or a favorite book or author. Zoom link will be emailed to you. RSVP to [the4ryders@gmail.com](mailto:the4ryders@gmail.com).

DATES/TIME: March 22 and April 26 at 7:00 p.m.

WHAT: Talk about books

PLACE: Zoom

CHAIR: Cathey Ryder (714) 470-1353, [the4ryders@gmail.com](mailto:the4ryders@gmail.com)



## Games

MARCH - APRIL

### BRIDGE

*No bridge dates are planned yet – stay tuned.*



The Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club is still not open for play or lunch. We will advise any changes. Remember to stay in touch with one another – take care and stay safe!

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

## MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

MARCH - APRIL

Until we can once again play Mexican Train Dominoes, stay safe and healthy! Dominoes is INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.

CHAIR: Pam Kirkendall (949) 422-4579, or pamelakirk@cox.net



## Arts Appreciation

### MUSIC

MARCH - APRIL

We look forward to resuming our usual schedule as soon as possible. In the meantime, we can see our students perform via Zoom, March 17, 1:30 p.m. Social Distance. Wash those hands!!! **And, PLEASE, wear a mask when in public.**



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

WHAT: Music Department students perform miscellaneous classical pieces

PLACE: **TO BE DETERMINED**

CHAIR: Paul Kanter (310) 991-8519

## NEEDLEWORK AND FRIENDS GATHERING

MARCH - APRIL

DATE/TIME: Friday, March 12, at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Zoom meeting set up by Cathey Ryder – please RSVP to her that you will attend.

DETAILS: Cathey Ryder - Scavenger Hunt

Carolyn Woolhouse – “Show and Tell” your favorite needlework project – how you planned it and why it is special to you.

Carol Freund – Kitchen Sharing: name your favorite restaurant – and why.

Carol Freund – Practical Advice: how to make returns to Amazon.

DATE/TIME: Friday, April 9 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Zoom meeting set up by Cathey Ryder – please RSVP to her that you will attend

DETAILS: Program to be determined as we get closer to the date.

CHAIRS: Carolyn Woolhouse (714) 401-0821, eclecticstiment@gmail.com  
or Carol Freund (949) 786-7828, ecfreund1@cox.net

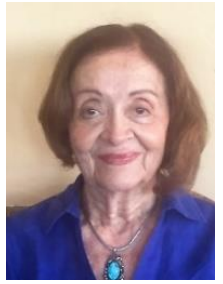




**PLEIN AIR PAINTING**

**MARCH – APRIL**

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.



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

**Food, Fun, and Friends**

**SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST**

Well, our gathering with friends for breakfast is still on hold. We hope to see you at one of our favorite spots sometime this year.

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



**HAPPY HOUR IN HISTORIC OC**

Eventually, we will gather for a social hour in an historic spot in Orange County. We are looking forward to seeing you then.

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

**WEDNESDAY AFTEROON AT THE MOVIES**

Stay tuned as we navigate our new “normal”. I will be looking for matinee movie deals once it is safe to go to the movies.

CHAIR: Cathey Ryder (714) 470-1353

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**An Unprecedented Time**

A wonderful benefit of being a Town and Gown member is knowing you have a group of people who care about one another. We are grateful that we have been able to keep in touch via telephone, email, Zoom, etc. Although nothing can replace meeting face to face, we feel that opportunity is near. Your Board members are here to help in any way we can, should you have need.

If you know of a member who has been ill or might need help, please feel free to contact Carolyn Woolhouse, Corresponding Secretary by phone at (714) 401-0821 or by email at [eclectic.seniment@gmail.com](mailto:eclectic.seniment@gmail.com)



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**MARCH - APRIL INTEREST GROUP CALENDAR**

**MONDAY:**

9:30 a.m., Plein-Air Painting (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday) **Please contact chairs for information**

7:00 p.m., Let's Talk About Books (4<sup>th</sup> Monday)

**TUESDAY:**

8:30 a.m., Birders (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays) – **Indefinitely postponed**

1:00 p.m., Book Club (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)

**WEDNESDAY:**

10:00 a.m., All Things Vintage (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in March)

11:30 a.m. or after 1:00 p.m., 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Afternoon at the Movies **Indefinitely postponed**

1:00 p.m., Family History Writing (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday) **Please contact chairs for information**

1:30 p.m., Music (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday) **Indefinitely postponed**

4:30 p.m., Happy Hour in Historic OC **Indefinitely postponed**

**THURSDAY:**

10:00 a.m., Bridge (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday) **Indefinitely postponed**

1:00 p.m., Mexican Train (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday) **Indefinitely postponed**

**FRIDAY:**

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

**SATURDAY:**

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