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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.

*May Luncheon and Annual Meeting scheduled for Wednesday,
May 13, 2020 is*

POSTPONED DUE TO PANDEMIC

Professor Holly Poe Durbin has agreed to speak at our luncheon meeting in November on "Time Travel Through Vintage Clothes" including a discussion on why we have fashion revivals.

If you have already sent in your RSVP and payment, your check will be returned to you. Please shelter in place as much as possible, follow the guidelines, stay calm and stay safe!

PLEASE WATCH FOR OUR APPEAL LETTER AND BE GENEROUS TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS - THEY NEED OUR HELP NOW MORE THAN EVER.

SAVE THE DATE

September 14th is the planned date for our annual *Coffee and Conversation* at Sherman Library and Gardens in Corona del Mar.

President's Message



I hope you and your loved ones are safe and well. So much has happened in a remarkably short period of time. Our whole world has been altered.

We were so inspired by Professor Eli Simon's presentation on the New Swan Theater at our February luncheon that we were planning a group event to attend a performance of Shakespeare's *The Comedy of Errors* this summer. However, the entire season has been cancelled, so this idea goes on the back burner until next year.

We have also cancelled the Annual Election Meeting and Luncheon planned for May 13th. However, we have been able to reschedule Professor Holly Poe Durbin for our November meeting. She is head of the Costume Department at the UCI Claire Trevor School of the Arts. And her topic, *Time Travel Through Vintage Clothes*, including a discussion on why we have fashion revivals, should be fascinating. Holly has an amazing background in theater and fashion.

Our Interest Groups have also had to make drastic changes to their meeting schedules. I know most of you look forward to these opportunities to gather with friends. I encourage you to make calls and send notes to stay in touch. Virtual 'Happy Hour' anyone?

September 14th is the planned date for our annual *Coffee and Conversation* at Sherman Library and Gardens in Corona del Mar. We will also hold our election of officers at this meeting -- and get to meet the URSS selected scholarship recipients for 2020-2021.

Town and Gown exists because of our members. We value you and your contributions to our scholarship fund. Without your support, UCI Town and Gown – like any worthy organization – will not survive.

I wish you good health as we go forward. Stay home as much as you are able and stay in touch with each other.

We are all in this together – and 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.

MEET THE SCHOLARS – Noemi Garzon Viramontes



Noemi received the scholarship supported by the Catherine Anne McBrien Endowment that provides undergraduate student support for single parents with financial need desiring to improve their career prospects. The scholarship is administered by Town and Gown working with the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships.

Noemi is a single mother who is transferring to UCI from Fullerton College after a 22-year break in her education. She will be a junior in the School of Social Ecology, studying Psychology and Social Behavior. After graduation, she plans on working as a social worker to help families struggling with drugs and alcohol.

“I was very honored and grateful to know that I was selected as the recipient of Town and Gown scholarship. I selected psychology and social behavior as my major for personal and professional reasons at UCI. Thanks to the generosity and invaluable support from scholarships as Town and Gown, I feel more close to obtaining the desired degree that will open more doors to my personal growth. Definitely, I would like to express my gratitude because, without this type of support, it will be more difficult for me continuing with my dreams and goals. The financial assistance you provide me will be of great support to me in paying my educational expenses, and it will allow me to concentrate more on my studies. I hope one day I will able to help people to achieve their goals and to reach their full potential as Town and Gown scholarship is doing for me. From the bottom of my heart, thank you to all the donors of Town and Gown scholarship.”

Psychology and Social Behavior
Noemi Viramontes Garzon



Danielle Muhlenberg

Danielle received the scholarship supported by the Eloise Kloke Endowment that provides undergraduate student support restricted to a mature woman who has been out of the educational system for 5+ years and is either returning to college or is entering for the first time. Despite having taken longer than she would have liked to get where she is now, Danielle is transferred to UCI with credits from five different community colleges. She is a junior in Informatics. She loves programming and is an active member in Women in Information and Computer Sciences, encouraging women and minorities to pursue a career in STEM. She volunteers her time helping high school girls learn to code and offering encouragement and guidance to newly admitted UCI STEM minority students.

“I want to send my sincere thank you and my sincere gratitude for this generous gift. I am so grateful to have been given this privilege, and it takes a tremendous weight off of my shoulders that I will be able to spend more time chasing my dreams by working hard in school next year, and less time worrying about finances. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting everyone in my interview and at the Sherman Gardens Coffee, and to have a group of accomplished, lovely individual such as yourselves validate the work I’m doing and the path I’m on is invaluable to me. Thank you again for everything.”

Best regards,
Danielle Muhlenberg

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!

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Appreciating the Past

ALL THINGS VINTAGE

MAY-AUGUST

Due to the unforeseen circumstances, we are cancelling 'All Things Vintage' programs for the rest of the UCI Town & Gown Fiscal Year. We look forward to seeing everyone in the fall.

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



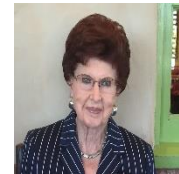
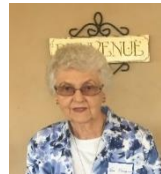
our 'All Things Vintage' Fiscal Year.

FAMILY HISTORY WRITING

MAY-AUGUST

Due to the unforeseen circumstances, we are cancelling Family History Writing for the rest of the UCI Town and Gown Fiscal Year. We look forward to seeing everyone in the fall.

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



our Family History Writing Fiscal Year.

Please make the following changes to your yearbook.

New apartment number:

Lorraine Horton
SR202

Add email:

Marilyn Wolfsberg
mlwolfsberg@yahoo.com

Add phone number/correct spelling of street address:

Sandra J. Smith
1328 Cartagena
818-430-1101

New address, phone number and email:

Joan Thompson
27288 Nicolas Rd., Apt. E309
Temecula, CA 92591
Phone: 951-972-4261
haljoant@gmail.com

Enjoying Nature

BIRDERS

Our group meets twice a month to get outdoors and experience a bit of nature. 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.



MAY-AUGUST

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, May 5, 8:15 a.m.

PLACE: Carbon Canyon Regional Park, 4442 Carbon Canyon Rd, Brea. Fee \$3.00 or OC Regional Parks pass. Take the 57 freeway, exit Lambert Dr, which eventually becomes Carbon Canyon. The park is on the right about one minute after it becomes Carbon Canyon. Or, take the 241 Toll Road to the 91 W. Exit Imperial Hwy to the right and go about 4.5 miles. Turn right onto N Rose Dr, right onto Valencia Ave and right onto Carbon Canyon Rd. Park in the first lot to the left (lot D). Bring a picnic lunch.

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, May 19, 8:15 a.m.

PLACE: Mile Square Park, 6801 Euclid St, FV. From the 405, exit Euclid to the right. Park entrance will be on your left. We will meet in Lot F. Bring a picnic lunch.

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, June 2, 8:15 a.m.

PLACE: Aliso and Wood Canyons Regional Park, 28373 Alicia Pkwy. Fee \$3.00 or OC Regional Parks pass. Take I-5 S, exit Alicia Pkwy towards the ocean and proceed approximately five miles. Turn right on AWMA Rd, approximately 100 yards south of Aliso Creek Rd. The parking lot is on the left. Or take the 73 Toll Rd south, exit Aliso Creek Rd, turn right onto Alicia Pkwy. We will dine at Lulu's Creperie Café, 24781 Alicia Pkwy.

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, June 16, 8:15 a.m.

PLACE: San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Riparian Way, IRV. Free. Take Campus Dr, cross University Ave and look for the entrance on the right, immediately after crossing the bridge over San Diego Creek. Or from the 405, exit Jamboree toward the ocean, turn left onto Campus Dr, then take a U-turn at the intersection of Campus and University, then a quick right turn into the Sanctuary. When the road ends, turn left and park by the yellow houses. This will be our end-of-the-year bird walk and potluck lunch. Please bring a dish to share and your own plate, cup, utensils, and something to drink.

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

Book Discussion Groups

AM-PM BOOK GROUP

MAY-AUGUST

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

SHARE A BOOK

MAY-AUGUST

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

DATE/TIME: Monday, May 18, 7:00 p.m.

DATE/TIME: Monday, June 22, 7:00 p.m.

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

CHAIR: Cathey Ryder (714) 470-1353

Games

BRIDGE

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DATE/TIME: Thursday, May 14, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

DATE/TIME: Thursday, June 11, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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

DATE/TIME: Thursday, August 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

MAY-AUGUST

Mexican Train Dominoes usually meets on the third Thursday of the month from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. at the home of Cathey Ryder, 19882 Felcliff Lane in HB. Unfortunately, as of now those dates are cancelled. We will continue to practice our social distancing. When it is safe to continue, I will email or text the group that usually plays. If there are other Town and Gown members who would like to join us when we resume, please contact me. Stay safe and healthy!

CHAIR: Pam Kirkendall: (949) 422-4579



Arts Appreciation

MUSIC

MAY-AUGUST

We look forward to resuming our usual schedule as soon as possible. Meanwhile, all Regents' Point music is cancelled indefinitely. Social Distance. Wash those hands!!!

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

MAY-AUGUST

DATE/TIME: Friday, June 12 10 a.m.
PLACE: Balboa Island, ferry across the Bay, exploration of Balboa Peninsula and possibly the Pier, lunch back on Balboa Island at Wilma's.
DETAILS: Please RSVP to one of the co-chairs with your cell phone number so we can look out for you.
DATE/TIME: Thursday, July 23, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
PLACE: Bowers Museum (bowers.org), 2002 N Main St, SA
Just south of Santa Ana freeway – use "Main St" exits. Lunch at Tangata Restaurant in the museum (reservations required, please contact a co-chair). Timeless Melodies Lecture in the auditorium.
DETAILS: Parking lots at: museum back entrance or at Main St and West 20TH St (across from the museum) \$6?
Restaurant meal, museum admission: \$12 general, \$9 member. Gift shop in the museum.
DATE/TIME: Friday, August 14, 11:00 a.m.
PLACE: Tea House on Los Rios, SJC – on the tiny road next to the train tracks. (teahouseonlosrios.com)
DETAILS: This was a great hit last summer! Arrange your own transportation by train or car. Free parking in the garage at the train station or in the large parking lot near the tea house. Contact co-chairs for reservations. Restaurant limits number to 12 persons.
CHAIRS: Carolyn Woolhouse: (714) 401-0821, eclectic.sentiment@att.net
Carol Freund: (949) 786-7828, ecfreund1@cox.net



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.



MAY-AUGUST

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

Food, Fun, and Friends

SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

MAY

DATE/TIME: Saturday, May 30, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Tupelo Junction Café, 503 29th St, NB

DETAILS: Tupelo Junction cafe...the restaurant is true to the funky, Cannery Village side of the town's personality: Cocktails come in mason jars, the coffee mugs are country-style crockery, and the walls display fruit-crate labels as artwork. The menu is packed with southern-influenced dishes like apple cinnamon beignets and shrimp and grits.

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

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

HAPPY HOUR IN HISTORIC OC

JUNE

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, June 17, 4:30 p.m.

PLACE: Avila's El Ranchito, 2101 Placentia, CM

DETAILS: Opened in 1977. This restaurant is owned by Maria Elena. She acquired her mother's love of the kitchen, preparing new dishes using authentic ingredients prepared in a fresh new way. "Botana Carnitas" and "Pepe's Special" are some of her creations coming from this 'test' kitchen. Handmade tortillas are a favorite with the locals. Good parking is available.

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

WEDNESDAY AFTEROON AT THE MOVIES

JUNE-AUGUST

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, June 10

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, July 8

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, August 12

CHAIR: Cathey Ryder (714) 470-1353

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MAY-AUGUST INTEREST GROUP CALENDAR

MONDAY:

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

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) *Please contact chair*

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 May)

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)

SATURDAY:

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

Please contact chairs with any questions!