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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

GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR INNER CAVEMAN!
(Unraveling the Mysteries of Pre-History)

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Registration begins at 11:00 a.m.

Costa Mesa Country Club
1701 Golf Course Drive
Costa Mesa 92626

We are very happy to welcome Keith L. Nelson, UCI Edward A. Dickson Emeritus Professor of History, who will inform and entertain us regarding one of today's hottest topics: **Pre-History as revealed via DNA**. Professor Nelson's fascinating story begins in pre-history, about six billion years ago. How many billion years have your ancestors been on earth?

**PLEASE SECURE YOUR RESERVATION VIA THE RSVP TEARSHEET
FOUND ON PAGE 9**

President's Message



Our September 16th Coffee and Conversation event at Sherman Library and Gardens was a huge success. All six of our scholarship students attended – most bringing members of their family or a friend with them. They shared the stories of their life's path back to education and what they plan to do to give back to the community when they graduate. Inspiring is too small a word. It is clear our unique scholarships are vital to these students.

On Wednesday November 13th you have an opportunity to hear UCI Professor Emeritus Keith L. Nelson discuss DNA's findings of prehistoric man --- a fascinating story that begins about 6 billion years ago. Lessons from history are teaching us so much now. The Costa Mesa Country Club has a new chef and they are serving great food. RSVP soon; see the page at the back of the newsletter.

Our mission to grow our organization, learn and engage our minds, have some fun, make new friends, and raise funds for our re-entry student scholarships continues. But no organization, no matter how significant their mission or purpose, can survive and grow without the support of their membership. If you think of new ways to expand Town and Gown, please share them with us. Some ideas have already been presented – thank you.

As we approach the holidays, with all the usual wonderful but crazy mix of fun, friends and family, food, shopping and preparing, I am so thankful for the amazing friends and new things I've learned through UCI Town and Gown, and for the support of a very talented and energizing Board. Together we can do anything.

Wishing you and those you love a joyful holiday season and a peaceful, inspiring New Year.

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.

SAVE THESE DATES

FEBRUARY 2020

Eli Simon, Chancellor's Professor of Drama. Professor and founding artistic director and managing producer of the UCI New Swan Shakespeare Festival. Professor Simon has also served as chair and head of acting. **Costa Mesa Country Club (specific date pending.)**

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**

MEET THE SCHOLAR – Richard Ceballos



Ricardo received the scholarship from the Town and Gown Foundation Fund with Ann Tate's generous donation of \$5000. The purpose of this scholarship is to promote annual undergraduate student support for students with a minimum 3.0 GPA. Recipients are selected by the Scholarship Committee of UCI Town and Gown.

After a 9-year break in his education, Ricardo is transferring from Cerritos College and will be a UCI junior this academic year. He is an English major in the School of Humanities who plans to earn an MA in Library and Information Science. He hopes to create and manage spaces to promote literacy and education while incorporating modern day technology as books and resources become digital commodities.

"I am deeply humbled and honored to have earned a Town and Gown Scholarship for 2019. It was a pleasure meeting with the committee in order to understand your organization's mission to help students like me achieve their goals. I plan to take your generous gift to support my path towards earning an English degree at UC Irvine. From there, I plan to continue on to Graduate School in order to pursue a Masters in Information Science. I want to be able to work in a library or archive in order to preserve historical texts for the future. This scholarship stands as an affirmation that I am on the right track after taking an extended absence from school. I have worked hard to establish a future for my family, especially my daughter Aubrey. As she begins kindergarten this year, I want to set an example for her that she sees it is possible to achieve anything she sets her mind to. Hard work and dedication can bring about a multitude of rewards, as your organization has proved."

Sincerely,

Rick Ceballos

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

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER



DATE/TIME: Wednesday, November 20, 10:00 a.m.

SUBJECT: Identification of metals and determination of meltdown values

PLACE: AAA Gold Exchange, 780 W 19th St, CM (714) 336-3040

SPEAKER: Hank

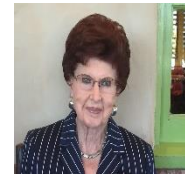
DETAILS: The shop is in a strip mall, so it is better to carpool if possible
There will be no hospitality offerings, however, around the corner on Placentia is a Mexican restaurant, Avila El Ranchito, for an early lunch
You are invited to bring an item for identification

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, December 18 – We will send out an email when the speaker is confirmed.

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

FAMILY HISTORY WRITING

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER



DATE/TIME: Wednesday, December 4, 1:00 p.m. (this is our combined Nov/Dec meeting).

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

TOPIC: “Something That You Have Done That You Are Proud Of.” The topic is self-explanatory and, as always, is voluntary. If there is something else you have been wanting to write about go right ahead! One of the charms of our group is the variety of life stories we tell.

DETAILS: We haven’t met since May, so be sure and call the hostess if you CANNOT come. Otherwise we will expect to see all our regular members and hopefully some new ones also. You are always welcome to visit. If you would like to come for the first time, please call the hostess to let her know, and for directions if necessary.

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 AM so we can begin birding promptly at 8:30 a.m. We break for an early lunch of picnicking or eating at a restaurant nearby. 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.



NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

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

PLACE: **Santiago Oaks Regional Park**, 2145 Windes Dr, OR.
Bring a picnic lunch.

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

PLACE: **Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve**, 28000 Pacific Coast Hwy, HB.
We will lunch at the Blackboard Bistro.

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

PLACE: **Muth Interpretive Center**, 2301 University Dr, NB
Lunch is at the Chateau Carden Bistro in the Ayres Hotel, 325 Bristol St.

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

PLACE: **Mason Regional Park**, 18712 University Dr, IRV
Lunch will be a holiday and gift exchange at a member's home in IRV.
CHAIRS: Mary Anne Skorpanich: (714) 299-1863 Marlene Brajdic: (714) 905-6641.

Book Discussion Groups

AM-PM BOOK GROUP

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

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

PLACE: Home of Gail Wheaton

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

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, December 17, time TBD

PLACE: TBD

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

SHARE A BOOK

NOVEMBER

Join us to SHARE your favorite author or your current read.

DATE/TIME: Monday November 25, 6:30 p.m.

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

CHAIR: Cathey Ryder (714) 470-1353

Games

BRIDGE

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

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

DATE/TIME: Thursday, December 5, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

NOTE: A week early

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

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

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, November 21, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

DATE/TIME: Thursday, December 19, 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

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

The Music Group meets at 1:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of most months.

WHAT: Music Department students perform miscellaneous classical pieces

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, November 6, 1:30

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, December 4, 1:30

PLACE: Regents' Point, 19191 Harvard Ave, IRV, CA 92612

CHAIRS: Paul Kanter: (310) 991-8519, Harriet Steinhaus: (949) 725-3372



NEEDLEWORK AND FRIENDS GATHERING

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

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

PLACE: Home of Beverly Krassner-Bulas, 5 Rockrose Way, IRV
Please RSVP (949) 262-1004

DETAILS: Please bring your project and lunch. Bev will provide beverages and dessert.

DATE/TIME: Friday, December 13, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Home of Carol Freund, 4 Mandrake Way, IRV
Please RSVP (949) 786-7828, ecfreund@cox.net

DETAILS: Please bring your project and lunch. Carol 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, November 11, 9:30 a.m. to noon

PLACE: The Boatyard, NB

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

PLACE: The Montage followed by potluck at George Alexander's home

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



Food, Fun, and Friends

SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

NOVEMBER

DATE/TIME: Saturday, November 2, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Wild Strawberry Café, 240 Newport Center Dr, NB

DETAILS: We are a local farm-to-table café located in Newport Beach specializing in healthy artisan meals including vegan and gluten-free options. Wild Strawberry Café takes its customers on a nostalgic trip for a French Café with a clean, quaint, antique décor, offset by modern artistic flair. Whether it is a cup of coffee you need, or a tasty dessert that you crave, come on in and experience this premiere café in Newport Beach.

NOTE: RSVP Cathey Ryder: the4ryders@gmail.com

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



HAPPY HOUR IN HISTORIC OC

DECEMBER



DATE/TIME: Wednesday, December 4, 4:30 p.m.

PLACE: Woody's Wharf, 2318 Newport Blvd, NB

DETAILS: They have a great Happy Hour menu with both drink and food specials.

Woody's Wharf opened in 1965 and was an immediate hit. Its unique waterfront location on Newport Bay drew crowds who wanted to be served food and drink in an atmosphere that included live music. Past patrons at Woody's Wharf have included famous celebrities and athletes such as John Wayne, Cary Grant, Humphrey Bogart, Mickey Mantle and Billy Martin. One celebrity enjoyed Woody's Wharf enough to buy the business. Actor and Karate champion Chuck Norris took over Woody's and was able to hire some of the athletes that were training under him at the time. Jeane-Claude Van Damme was one of the doormen. Woody's Wharf is now owned by four friends.

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

WEDNESDAY AFTEROON AT THE MOVIES

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

Join me at Regency Theater, South Coast Plaza for the Wednesday Senior Matinee. Get on the email list so I can let you know the movie title and time.

Cathey Ryder: the4ryders@gmail.com.

No movie in November. Please attend the fall Scholarship Luncheon with Keith L. Nelson, Emeritus Professor of history at the Costa Mesa Country Club.

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, December 11

CHAIR: Cathey Ryder (714) 470-1353

It's not too late to renew your membership in Town and Gown! Just contact Membership Chair Cynthia Blackwell at (714) 309-6692 or her assistant, Elisabeth Hoskins, at (949) 646-3074. You don't want to miss out on the great events and activities planned for the 2019-2020 year!

RSVP TEAR SHEET

UCI Town and Gown Luncheon

Costa Mesa Country Club

Wednesday, November 13, 2019 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

Rosemary Roasted Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

Chocolate Mousse Cake

Coffee, Hot Tea, Iced Tea and Water

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Email _____

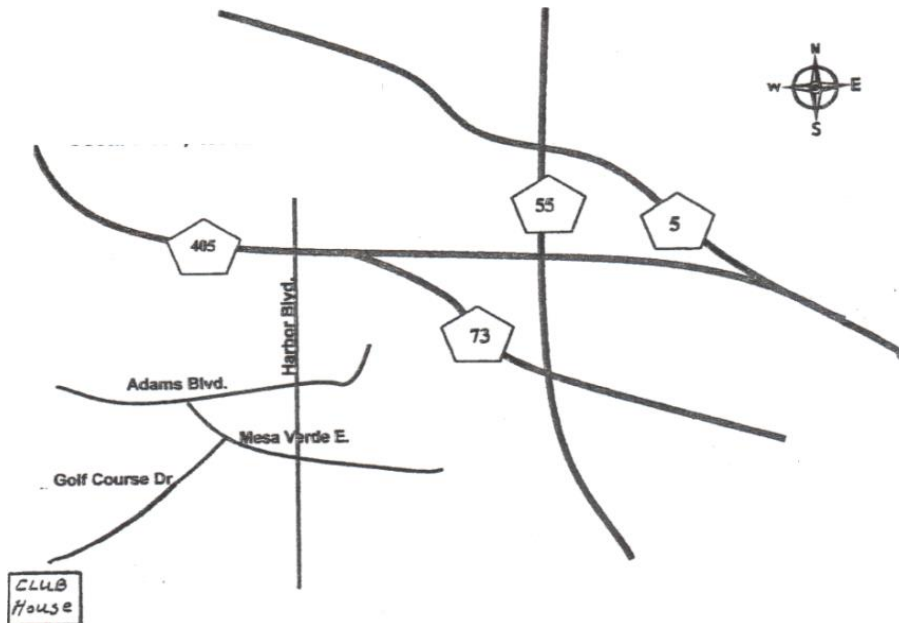
Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

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

Send to: Elisabeth Hoskins, 2311 Tustin Ave, NB, CA 92660. (949)646-3074

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)

6:30 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 November)

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

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

THURSDAY:

10:00 a.m., Bridge (2nd Thursday) December Bridge is the first 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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