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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

MEET YOUR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS VIRTUAL (ZOOM) EVENT FOR ALL TOWN AND GOWN MEMBERS

Monday, September 14, 2020

10:00 a.m.

Despite all our trials and tribulations due to the COVID pandemic, your URSS Board was able to award six \$5,000 scholarships to UCI students for the coming school year.

The Board reviewed numerous applications and carefully selected the finalists, from whom our ultimate winners were chosen. Now, with the help of Kara Corea, UCI Executive Director of Development, Scholarship Programs, we can all have the opportunity to “virtually” meet the winners via ZOOM.* You will receive email invitations to this event sometime after September 1st.

*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 at the4ryders@gmail.com.

President's Message



I hope this finds you all safe and well. We are living through a unique time in our history – and how we wish it were not so. At this moment we do not know when it will be safe to have our various meetings and events.

We are all disappointed that the September 14th Annual Coffee and Conversation event at Sherman Library and Gardens has been cancelled. Meeting the scholarship students each year is such a highlight. However, we are looking into a Zoom on-line meeting with our membership on September 14, 2020, where this year's six students might be interviewed and share some of their life stories and how they returned to their educational goals. Yes, some good news: we have awarded six \$5,000 scholarships again this year, thanks to your support of Town and Gown.

The Board is trying to stay in touch with you and find creative ways for us to share time together while we cannot be together.

Our Plein Air Painting group has been meeting outdoors and following distancing guidelines; some book groups are meeting online with video and audio so you can see each other and share in real time. You might also want to get friends together to play games online – nice to see their faces and hear them respond as you play.

Going forward, we will take this pandemic one day at a time, adjust where we can and find new ways to proceed with our lives and with the future of Town and Gown.

I wish you all good health. Stay home as much as you are able, stay in touch with each other and if you can't share a hug – share a smile or a laugh. 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.

In Memoriam

Rae Jean Ryan
Gladys Buller

Meet the Scholars (URSS)

It was the best of times. UCI funded six Town and Gown \$5,000 Scholarships for this year so we have a full year to replenish our funds for 2021-2022. But, it was also the worst of times thanks to Covid-19. Unlike years past, we did not have paper applications to mull over and consider for days and days; rather UCI sent us the applications electronically to review and asked for six finalists and four alternates just in case. At home with plenty of coffee and paper and time, each of us scored every applicant on a set of criteria which matched the purpose of our Town and Gown scholarship. Since we were not able to meet and to interview any candidates in person, we had to make final selections based solely on the applications. We got together via ZOOM, considered each of the applicants, and chose our six students and four alternates.

We congratulated ourselves for a job well done.....but we were premature!

Of those ten students, only three accepted admission to UCI, and we were sent another set of applicants from which to select another three. More coffee, more paper, more time, and more scoring. But we did it...In future newsletters you will hear about:

Keri Albers
Ricardo Altamirano
Gabriel Ambronson
Ricardo Ceballos
Michael Everett
Sirui Pan

The committee to select our 2020-2021 scholarship recipients was certainly challenged, but each member was up to the task. In alphabetical order, I am sending a huge thank you and a virtual hug to France Campbell, Liz Grant, Patricia Heilig Diane Howell, Paul Kanter, Jan Morin, Suzanne Owens and Mitzi Wells on behalf of myself and all of the members of Town and Gown.

CHAIR: Kathy Frazer (949) 723-7419

Please make the following changes to your Yearbook:

New/Corrected Email Addresses:

Joy Edelman
mjoycal@aol.com

Tony & Mayssoun Khoury
drmayssounkhoury@gmail.com

Marie McCarthy
mccarthy_r@sbcglobal.net

MaryAnne Skorpanich
skorpanich@icloud.com

New Phone Numbers:

Lynne Domash
(714) 402-5713

Caroline Frye Reed
(714) 415-8222

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

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

DATE/TIME: October date TBD at 10:00 am

SUBJECT: Halloween Decoration and Ornaments

SPEAKER: Kathy Frazer and TBD

LOCATION: Zoom Meeting

ADDRSS: Additional Information will be forwarded to All Things Vintage Members closer to October.

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



FAMILY HISTORY WRITING

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER



There are no changes to our group, including the chairs.

There was a preliminary survey regarding how to hold our meetings in the coming year (Zoom, meeting outdoors, email, or some combination of any or all).

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

Enjoying Nature

BIRDERS

Meets on the first and third Tuesdays. Please arrive at the location by 8:15 so we can begin birding promptly at 8:30. 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.



SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, October 6, 8:15 a.m.

PLACE: **Crystal Cove State Park**, 8471 N. Coast Hwy, Laguna Beach. Fee \$15.00 or State Parks Membership or State Parks Annual Pass. The park is located on the ocean side of PCH at the intersection of Newport Coast Drive at the Pelican Point entrance. Turn right after the entrance gate and drive to the last parking lot. Bring a scope if you have one. Lunch will be at the Beachcomber Cafe.

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, October 20, 8:15 a.m.

PLACE: **Irvine Regional Park**, 1 Irvine Park Rd, Orange. Fee: \$3.00 or OC Regional Parks Pass. From the 405 Freeway, take Jamboree north as far as it goes, then turn right to reach the park entrance. Or, from 55 North take Chapman Ave east to Jamboree and turn left. In the park take the first left, then a quick second left into parking lot. Bring a picnic lunch.

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

Book Discussion Groups

BOOK CLUB

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, October 10, 1:00 p.m.

DETAILS: Book Club will be Zooming on Oct 20th at 1pm. Each member is going to discuss a book they'd recommend others to read. We will discuss picking a single book for everyone to read and discuss for our November meeting.

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

SHARE A BOOK

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

Let's plan a zoom meeting to talk about books. Save the Dates! Monday, September 28 and Monday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m. Zoom invitations will be sent out to those who are interested in talking about books. Email me at the4ryders@gmail.com to get on the email list.

Happy Reading!

CHAIR: Cathey Ryder (714) 470-1353

Games

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

BRIDGE

DUE TO THE PANDEMIC – No bridge dates are planned for September or October.



Currently the Bahia is not open for play or lunch. You can play on-line with friends. If things change, you will be contacted by the chair.

WEAR YOUR MASK WHEN OUTSIDE AND STAY SAFE EVERYONE.

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

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER



Unfortunately, we will have to cancel our September and October games due to the pandemic. I am still recuperating from my surgery. When I am able, I am hoping we will be able to meet on zoom to play some kind of game. Until then, continue to stay safe and healthy! I miss you all!

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

Arts Appreciation

MUSIC

INDEFINITELY POSTPONED

We look forward to resuming our usual schedule as soon as possible. Meanwhile, all Town and Gown music is cancelled indefinitely. Social Distance. Wash those hands!!! **And, PLEASE, wear a mask when in public.**

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: **TO BE DETERMINED****

CHAIR : Paul Kanter (310) 991-8519



**Our Co-Chair, Harriet Steinhaus, no longer resides at Regents' Point.

NEEDLEWORK AND FRIENDS GATHERING

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

DATE/TIME: Friday, October 9, 2020

PLACE: Due to the pandemic, to be determined. You will be notified as we get nearer to the date.

CHAIRS: Carolyn Woolhouse (714) 401-0821 or 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.



SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

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

Food, Fun, and Friends

SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

One of our favorite things to do is go out for breakfast. We love to try new places. But right now, we are enjoying breakfast at home. We hope to plan a Saturday morning breakfast with friends in 2021

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

HAPPY HOUR IN HISTORIC OC

As much as we would like to visit a historic spot in Orange County and enjoy Happy Hour with you, Bob and I are not ready to socialize in an enclosed space. Hopefully by November or December we can schedule a Happy Hour.

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

WEDNESDAY AFTEROON AT THE MOVIES

Everyone has heard that movie theaters are just not safe right now. Who knows if the Regency South Coast Plaza will even offer the Senior Matinee in the future? Hope to see you at the movies in 2021.

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**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE
TOWN AND GOWN
BYLAWS**

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Community and campus persons shall be eligible for membership in this organization. Dues shall be paid annually or as a one-time life membership. Members shall be designated as Town or Gown. Town members shall be defined as any interested member of the community. Gown members shall be defined as academic, staff, or retired personnel of the University of California and their spouses.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section 1. Personnel

The term of office shall be one (1) year, which shall be from July 1 to June 30.

Section 2. Duties

d. **SECOND VICE PRESIDENT:** The Second Vice President shall be Chair of the Membership Committee.

g. **TREASURER:** The Treasurer shall be custodian of the general funds of the organization and shall pay bills authorized by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee. He/she shall submit to the Board of Directors a monthly report of all receipts and expenditures. Three times during the fiscal year a financial update will be published in the *Town Crier*. An annual budget shall be prepared with the assistance of the President and President Elect. Any contributions specifically designated for scholarships shall be recorded and submitted to the UCI Foundation. An annual Financial Report shall be completed by July 31. The Treasurer shall perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office. All checks over \$500 shall have the signatures of any two (2) of the following officers: Treasurer, President or Recording Secretary. The Treasurer shall submit the annual tax form to the IRS **and the Franchise Tax Board**.

i. **ASSISTANTS:** Each executive Board officer is encouraged to select an assistant as a potential trainee for the position. The Assistant shall serve as a voting alternate in the absence of the officer.

ARTICLE V - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Personnel

a. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Executive Committee; the URSS Board; the Auditor; the Historian; the *Town Crier* Editor; the *Yearbook* Editor; the *Yearbook* and *Town Crier* Mailers; the Chairs of the Bylaws and Policies and Nominating committees and the Social Media Coordinator.

b. The Coffee and Luncheon events shall each have their own Hospitality chairperson and committee. Each event chair is expected to attend the Board meeting prior to and after their event. These chairpersons will be nonvoting members of the Board.

Section 8. Installations

All members of the Board of Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting, their term to begin July 1.

ARTICLE VII - UNIVERSITY RELATIONS AND

SCHOLARSHIPS SELECTION (URSS) BOARD

Section 1. Personnel

The URSS Board shall consist of a minimum of six (6) Town and Gown members. One member shall be appointed by the President as Chair for the current year to serve as liaison between the URSS Board and the President.

Section 3. Responsibilities

The Chair of the URSS Board shall serve on the Board of Directors and the Nominating Committee. The URSS Board members shall select the Scholarship recipients, provide liaison between the University and the community and may arrange Campus Events. The Chair shall call meetings as necessary.

ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES AND FUNCTIONARIES

Section 2. Program

The First Vice President, whose function shall be to plan programs for the General Meetings and special events, will coordinate with the hospitality chair of the event. Subject matter shall be in accordance with the purpose of Town and Gown and approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Hospitality and Arrangements

Each event shall have a chairperson and committee whose function shall be to provide arrangements for meetings and special events in coordination with the First Vice President. Sites shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Membership

There shall be a Membership Committee, selected and chaired by the Second Vice President, for the purpose of membership recruitment.

Section 7. Bylaws and Parliamentary

There shall be a Bylaws Committee composed of Past Presidents who are current members. Its function shall be to review the Bylaws, Policies, and Standing Rules and recommend changes for adoption by the membership. Any suggested bylaw changes shall be presented to the Committee first. The Chair shall be the Parliamentarian and keeper of the Procedures book, and shall email copies of the Procedures to the Nominating Committee.

Section 8. Historian

There shall be an Historian who shall be responsible for collecting minutes, reports, and other vital papers and depositing them in the UCI Archives.

Section 9. Nominating Committee

There shall be a Nominating Committee whose function shall be to select nominees for Executive Officers; the University Relations and Scholarship Selection (URSS) Board; the Auditor; the Historian; the Interest Group Coordinator; the *Town Crier* Editor; the *Yearbook* Editor; the Mailers; the Social Media Coordinator; Chairs of the Bylaws and Nominating Committees; and additional Nominating Committee members as needed. The slate of nominees shall be presented to the Board of Directors for approval no later than the April Board of Directors meeting. The Board-approved slate shall be published in the May *Town Crier* and elected and installed at the Annual Meeting.

Section 10. Social Media Coordinator

The Social Media Coordinator shall manage the social media platforms that are titled UCI Town and Gown.

Section 11. *Town Crier*

- a. There shall be a newsletter called the *Town Crier*, which shall be published from September through May.
- b. There shall be an Editor responsible for compiling and producing the newsletter. The Editor shall be responsible for uploading the newsletter to our website.

Section 12. *Yearbook*

- a. There shall be an annual Membership *Yearbook* published and distributed by November 10. It shall contain the names of all members who have paid their dues by October 1. Updates and corrections to the membership list shall be published in the *Town Crier*.
- b. There shall be a *Yearbook* Editor who is responsible for compiling and printing the *Yearbook* and supplements, for printing the labels for the *Town Crier* and any additional bulk mailings, and for maintaining the membership list in coordination with the 2nd VP Membership records.

Section 13. Mailers

There shall be Mailers responsible for processing and mailing the *Town Crier*, the *Yearbook*, and general Board communications.

ARTICLE X - INTEREST GROUPS

Section 1. Formation

Interest Groups composed of Town and Gown members may be formed with the approval of the Board of Directors. In May of each year, all Interest Groups shall select Chairs and Co-Chairs who shall direct the activities of the group during the following organizational year.

Section 3. Finances

There shall be no Interest Group dues. Assessments may be made for Group expenses and shall not be considered as general funds of Town and Gown. Donations collected shall be sent, at least quarterly, to the Treasurer of Town and Gown to be forwarded to the UCI Foundation for donation to the University for our scholarships. All financial records of Interest Groups shall be turned over to the Town and Gown Treasurer at the end of the fiscal year.

ARTICLE XI - MEETINGS

Section 1. Annual Meeting

An Annual Meeting shall be held in May for the purpose of electing the slate of officers. The Treasurer's Report shall be presented with an update of our finances for the current fiscal year. Other business may be transacted.

ARTICLE XII - FINANCES

Section 3. Dues

- a. Annual dues shall be paid on or before October 1, and are not tax deductible.
- b. Dues shall be accepted any time during the fiscal year, and shall be set by the Board of Directors.
- c. Dues paid by new members after March 31 will apply to the following year.

Section 4. Donations

There shall be contribution categories of Friend, Scholar Friend, Scholar Supporter and Scholar Patron.

Section 5. Budget

The annual budget shall be presented to and approved by the Board of Directors at the August Board Meeting and shared with the membership at the September Coffee.

Section 6. Audit

- a. A mid-year audit shall be conducted and reported to the Board of Directors at the February meeting.
- b. The final audit must be completed by August 31 and reported to the Board of Directors at the next meeting.

ARTICLE XIII - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 2. Elections

- a. The election of the new Board of Directors shall be at the Annual Meeting.

STANDING RULES

1. Each Officer and Chair shall prepare and keep an updated procedure book, which shall be turned over to the successor for guidance at the June Joint Board meeting.

POLICIES

The following Board-approved policies, applicable to all participants, are listed as follows:

1. Release Policy

All Persons who participate in events sponsored by Town and Gown that require outside transportation shall be required to sign a Release Form similar to the one below:

"I hereby release and hold harmless the Regents of the University of California, Irvine, Town and Gown, and all subsidiaries thereof forever from any loss, liability, damage, cost, or any other legal action due to loss sustained in connection with any portion of my participation, including lodging and traveling to and from any activity."

3. Transportation Policy

- a. For any trip a ten-minute (10) waiting period shall be adequate and shall apply to the original departure time as well as at all stops.
- b. Due to insurance restrictions, bus access shall be denied to nonmembers of Town and Gown.

Revised February 7, 2020

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SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 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., Book Club (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 **Indefinitely postponed**

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

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

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

THURSDAY:

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

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

FRIDAY:

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

SATURDAY:

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

Please contact chairs with any questions!