The New Year, 2016, is off with the promise of many interesting and exciting events for the University Women’s Club. Of key importance for UWC is the development of an official UWC web site. We are, at last, a 21st century club. Our own member and web-master, Marie-Joelle Thatcher, has completed a highly professional UWC website. Please take time to review the site and provide me with input. The web site offers us a wealth of information on scholarship, by-laws and membership as well as updates on all events and interest groups. The web site link is: universitywomensclub.ufl.edu. I think you will be pleased!

Our January 20th Six O’Clock Scholars Dinner and February 11th Tea & Timely Topics are a chance to learn something new and to enjoy friends at our clubhouse. The committees have been hard at work and have planned wonderful events and menus. Please RSVP by the deadline given. Remember, you may always bring a guest to any of our functions. We will continue to collect canned food and monetary (checks) donations for Bread of the Mighty Food Bank. Look for the container near the front entrance for food donations and the basket for checks (made out to the Bread of the Mighty Food Bank) at every event.

Also, “what’s old is new again”; minutes of each Board meeting will be sent to you by email. There is an exciting year ahead for UWC…..so open the web page and emails and become an active part of UWC. And remember, check out our web site: universitywomensclub.ufl.edu

Kind regards,
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**All special events need at least one additional co-chair. Please contact Barbara Bengston, Nancy Ingram, Lynn Scott, or Joan Van Rinsvelt to let them know that you will help.
Tea & Timely Topics
Thursday, November 12, 2015

Forty members and their guests gathered to hear Craig Tisher, M.D., Professor Emeritus, UF College of Medicine, talk about the College of Medicine Healing Gardens & Teaching Laboratory located at the Wilmot Gardens located off Gale Lemerand Drive. Dr. Tisher gave a very informative presentation about the early history of the garden and ongoing restoration efforts.

Many volunteers helped to make this first of two Tea and Timely Topics for the year such a success. Many thanks go to our cooks – Larry Churchill, Polly Doughty, Kathy Kidder, Gloria Lincoln, Maureen NesSmith, Sue Moyer, Tish Ostlund, and Becky Sammons – for producing a wonderful variety of savory and sweet items and to Beverly Bartlett and Margaret Wagener who prepared a number of teas to go along with the food. Marjorie DeHoff stepped forward at the Open House to volunteer to provide and set up table decorations and centerpieces for the event, and the tables looked lovely. Jeani Valter and Marjorie DeHoff joined co-chairs Maureen NesSmith and Becky Sammons to set up the day before the event and Nancy Ingram, Gloria Kennedy, Gloria Lincoln, and Barbara Nute stayed after the event to clean up. Barbara Collett agreed to distribute name tags and check everyone in at the front table, and Marie-Joelle Thatcher took on the task of photographing the event. Susan Robell was our chief troubleshooting through it all as she ensured ample parking, called in the table and chair count to the UAA, set up and took down the AV equipment, and was on hand to help in the event of technical glitches. We thank each and every one of them for their time and energy and, above all, for their willingness to volunteer!!

Maureen NesSmith & Becky Sammons, co-chairs

Parking at UWC Events

Parking this year will be in the lot immediately across the street from the Clubhouse and in the Law School parking lot behind the Clubhouse. There is a walkway from the Law School lot to the UWC Clubhouse which passes by the tennis courts and is lighted at night.

For DAYTIME events parking decal requirements will be lifted in both lots regardless of color. No tickets will be issued, but you have to find a spot. There is not a designated area for us.

For EVENING events (or for anything after 3:30 p.m.) you may park in either lot. We encourage carpooling for any event!

Yearbook Ads: Thanks So Much

Please don’t forget to patronize the fine businesses who generously placed ads in our 2015-2016 yearbook. Mention to them that you saw the advertisement in our yearbook.

Browning Heating & Air Conditioning
D’Lites Emporium
Dorn’s Liquors & Wine Warehouse
Gainesville Opticians
Harry’s
Ilene’s
Kitchen & Spice
Lock N Roll
Renaissance Printing
Rub A Dub Dub
The Great Frame Up
Thomas Group Realty, LLC—Jean Chalmers
2 College Brothers

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
Please forward news about our members to Alicia Churchill, 373-0164. We like to extend our support and encouragement as well as recognize outstanding accomplishments.

Please Note—Email Correction
Joyce Gorman—zgorman@cox.net
Please make change in your yearbook

UWC BOARD MEETINGS
9:30 a.m. – noon @ Clubhouse

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

Spring/Summer Board Meeting TBD

All members are invited to attend.
November 2015 Tea and Timely Topics
Dr. Craig Tischer, Speaker
College of Medicine Healing Gardens & Teaching Laboratory
2015-2016 Donors to the UWC Graduate Student Scholarships
Thank you for your generosity!

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Scholarship Donation Reminder

Our graduate student scholarships are completely supported by annual donations from our members. There is still time
to donate for the 2015-2016. Please make your checks out to the University Women’s Club and mail to University
Women’s Club, ATTN: Treasurer, PO Box 140116, Gainesville, FL 32614
Wednesday, January 20, 2016  Speaker: Diane McFarlin  
Topic: The Future of Journalism Education

Diane McFarlin is Dean of the UF College of Journalism and Communication. She is a past president of the American Society of News Editors and has served six times as a juror for the Pulitzer Prizes. She has taught at the Centers for Independent Journalism in Prague and Bucharest and has addressed the World Editor’s Forum on the subject of multimedia newsrooms.

Reservations due no later than January 15, 2016

Thursday, March 17, 2016  Speaker: Dr. James Jones  
Topic: Climate Change and Its Effect on Florida

Dr. Jones is the Director of the Florida Climate Institute and is a Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus. Dr. Jones specializes in agricultural production systems analysis, simulation, crop and soil modeling, environmental effects on crop growth and yield and computer applications in agriculture.

All dinners are held at the UWC Clubhouse at 6:00 p.m.  Reservations Required

Please note, reservations are required for Six O’Clock Scholars and Tea and Timely Topics.  Reservation deadlines need to be enforced. One day delivery service is no longer available so please call or email if your check is being mailed close to the deadline. No reservations will be accepted after the deadline.

Reservation form for the Tea & Timely Topics is on the flyer inserted in this newsletter

Tea & Timely Topics

Thursday February 11, 2016  Speaker: Dr. Barbara Oberlander  
Topic: The Lives of Presidential Wives

Dr. Oberlander is Interim Associate Director of Social Sciences & History and also serves as the Honors Program Coordinator at Santa Fe College.

Teas are held at the UWC Clubhouse and begin at 2:00 p.m.

Reservations due no later than February 5, 2016!
INTEREST GROUPS
Deanna Carpenter, Chair

Book Discussion
Tish Ostlund, Chair, 378-9776
Meetings will be held at 9:30 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the UWC Clubhouse. Following the book discussion, members meet at a local restaurant for lunch. Contact the Chair for a reading list.

Chick Flicks
Beverly Bartlett, Chair, 377-8257
Join us to see first-run movies that only “The Girls” would love. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month for the early afternoon showing at either Butler Plaza or Royal Park. We meet for lunch at a nearby restaurant prior to the movie.

The Explorers
Maureen NesSmith, Chair, 378-4946
We will take a tour of a local interesting venue and then enjoy a happy hour. We meet every other month.

Gourmet Evening
Julie Burns, Chair, 377-0668
Participants meet monthly in a member’s home to share meals and costs. Meeting dates and times are arranged by the Chair. Please contact the Chair if you would like to join this group.

Les Amis de la France et d’ailleurs
Joan Van Rinsvelt, Chair, 336-1090
Please contact the Chair if you would like to join this group.

Let’s Do Lunch
Lorrie Fricker, Chair, 374-8741
This group meets on the first Wednesday of the month. Members take turns planning, cooking, and hosting the luncheons in their homes. This is a wonderful way to meet people, to try new recipes, and to enjoy delicious food.

Mah Jongg
Betsy Vinson, Chair, 283-1152
Participants meet in members’ homes once a month. They meet at 1:30 or 2:00 pm depending on the host. Beginners are welcome. This is an interesting game that has been around for about 2000 years. Please contact the Chair if you would like to join this group.

Mexican Train Dominoes
Deanna Carpenter, Chair, 372-5279
Members meet the third Friday of each month in each other’s homes, usually in the morning. We welcome new participants and are always happy to teach the game.

New Interest Groups

Morning Needlework
Robyn Sullivan, Chair, 377-7788
This group meets the second Wednesday of each month at the UWC Clubhouse. Join us with your cross-stitch, knitting, needlepoint, quilting, mending, or your current project. There are friendly conversations and refreshments.

Bridge
Alison Gerencser, Chair, 335-0310

Out To Lunch
Maureen Weber, Chair, 352-804-8363
Please contact the Chair to join the group and learn the dates and times of meetings. Thanks to Alison and Maureen for bringing these new groups to us!

Do you have an idea for other new Interest Groups? Contact Deanna by phone, 372-5279, or by email, racarp9494@aol.com

January/February 2016
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Have you ever thought about serving on the UWC Board?

Now is your chance!!

If you are interested in being on the 2016—2017 Board,

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