A celebration of Spring and the Arts

Are you feeling a little “spring” in your step now that winter is bidding adieu and warmer days are peeking around the corner? Good! Because that will remind you that the UCFRA Spring Luncheon is also just around the corner and it’s time to make your reservation. Planned for Thursday, March 31, the gathering will again be held at the Holiday Inn just north of the corner of Colonial Drive and Alafaya Trail. (See driving directions below.)

The luncheon’s program is guaranteed to put a smile on your face and a bounce in your step as students from UCF’s Theatre Department provide a sneak-peek into the week-long festival, “UCF Celebrates the Arts,” which will run April 8-16 at the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Orlando. The free festival, all of which is open to the public, will feature offerings from more than 1,000 university students and 100 faculty members showcasing the talents of the university’s artists and practitioners in theatre, dance, orchestra, choirs, big band, chamber music, cabaret, concert bands, opera, visual arts, studio art, gaming, animation, photography and film. Full festival schedule details and information on how to obtain free tickets will be posted at arts.cah.ucf.edu by late-February.

UCF Celebrates The Arts

Spring Luncheon festivities will begin at 11:30 a.m. with a meet-and-greet social time prior to the meal at noon. UCF’s student performers will take the stage following the meal. Luncheon entrees include Chicken Cordon Bleu, Salmon with Lemon Sauce, and Pasta Aïoli (a vegetarian choice). The cost remains at $22 per person. Please complete and mail the enclosed luncheon reservation form, along with payment, to Association treasurer, Linda Bonta, no later than Friday, March 25. Her address is on the form.

Congratulations and best wishes go out
To new UCFRA members and recent retirees

Happiness is welcoming six new members to the Association this time around! Let’s hope we will have the opportunity to meet them in person at the Spring Luncheon next month. Our newest members are: Steve Lotz (Arts & Humanities), Barbara Ward (Academic Affairs), Kathie K. Holland (Business Administration - Management), Kathryn Seidel (English), James Quinones (Facility & Safety), and Robert Langworthy (Criminal Justice).

Sincere congratulations also goes out to the following recent UCF retirees: Joyce Henckler (Alumni Affairs), James Mauk (Libraries), Andrew Hulse (Computer Services), Lani M. Harris (Performing Arts), Kevin Herlihy (History), Tom A. Nelson (Facilities Operations), Luz Mejia (Housekeeping), Newton Cello (Maintenance), Thomas R. Kesler (English), and Thomas M. Brewer (Education).

Getting to the Holiday Inn

If you are traveling south on Alafaya Trail, heading toward Colonial Drive, you will turn right onto the hotel property directly in front of the hotel.

If you are traveling north on Alafaya Trail heading toward campus from the vicinity of Colonial Drive, drive past the hotel (on your left), make an immediate left turn onto Orpington Street, and then make another immediate left turn into the Holiday Inn’s parking lot.

A passenger drop-off is provided at the hotel’s front entrance.
Care and Concern

Our collective thoughts of concern were expressed in cards sent out recently to two UCFRA friends. A card of sympathy went out to Bernie Ostle on the occasion of the passing of his wife, Ruth Jean. Also, get-well wishes were extended to Dell Shadgett who recently underwent shoulder surgery. Dell is the widow of UCFRA former board member John Shadgett.

Did you remember?

Just a gentle reminder that annual Association dues become payable on January 1st of each year. If you have not remitted your $15 payment for 2016, simply send a check payable to the UCF Retirement Association to Linda Bonta, 972 Scandia Lane, Orlando, Florida 32825.

The following is only a test...

Have you noticed that kids today write a lot of letters? No, not notes and messages via snail-mail, but acronyms such as “LOL,” “OMG,” “BFF” and so on. Who understands that “language”? Not us seniors. But here’s a test of past memories for us “older kids” that you will likely pass with flying colors! Try it…it’s fun! The answers are printed below – but don’t cheat! Answer them first..... Good luck!

A. After the Lone Ranger saved the day and rode off into the sunset, the grateful citizens would ask, “Who was that masked man”? Invariably, someone would answer, “I don't know, but he left this behind.” What did he leave behind? ____  ______  ______.

B. When the Beatles first came to the U.S. in early 1964, we all watched them on “The __________ Show.”

C. “Get your kicks, ___ _______”

D. “The story you are about to see is true. The names have been changed to _________  _____________."

E. “In the jungle, the mighty jungle, ___   _____   _______.”

F. After the “Twist,” “The Mashed Potato,” and the “Watusi,” we danced under a stick that was lowered as low as we could go in a dance called the “_____________."

G. “Nestlé’s makes the very best _____________."

H. What takes a licking and keeps on ticking? ___  ______  ______.

I. In 1971, singer Don MacLean sang a song about “the day the music died.” This was a tribute to ___________    __________.

J. We can remember the first satellite placed into orbit above the earth. The Russians did it. It was called ___________________.

K. One of the big fads of the late 50's and 60's was a large plastic ring that we twirled around our waist. It was called a _____   _____.

L. Hey Kids! What time is it? It's _____ ______ _____!

M. And finally, we did have an acronym of our own, reminiscent of today’s “internet slang.” It was an advertising slogan: “LS/MFT”

What does it mean? _______________________________.
UCFRA’s Handy, Multipurpose Form

You can make reservations for the Spring Luncheon and, if you wish, also make a contribute to the Association’s Carrie Lehmann Memorial Scholarship Fund using this one, easy form. Simply complete the appropriate sections and send with one combined check to Linda Bonta (address at bottom). Thank you!

SPRING LUNCHEON RESERVATION
Holiday Inn
1724 North Alafaya Trail
Orlando, FL 32817

Thursday, March 31, 2016

Social Time at 11:30 a.m.                                                Luncheon at noon

Please select from the following luncheon entrees:
• Chicken Cordon Bleu
• Salmon with Lemon Sauce
• Pasta Aioli (Vegetarian)

NAME: ____________________________________ Entree: ___________________________
GUEST(S): _________________________________ Entree: ___________________________

COST: $22 per person — Reservations must be received by Friday, March 25, 2016.

TOTAL ENCLOSED FOR LUNCHEON: $_________________

CARRIE LEHMANN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

_____ Yes, I wish to contribute to UCFRA’s Carrie Lehmann Memorial Scholarship Fund.

CONTRIBUTOR’S NAME ______________________________________________________

TOTAL ENCLOSED FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND $_________________

Please make check payable to UCF Retirement Assn., Inc. and mail to:
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TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHECK ENCLOSED $_________________