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UCFRA Fall Luncheon Meeting and Program October 26, 2023

Our Fall Program speaker will be UCFRA member Rich Sloan, president of the Learning Institute for Elders at UCF, an 800 member organization providing lifelong learning and education experiences for seniors. Rich will describe the amazing programs offered for the elders in the community.

We will be having the Fall Meeting and Luncheon at the Townhouse Restaurant in Oviedo. After entering the restaurant, please turn left to the meeting room. Sign in and pick up a name tag, then select a table. Food selections will be made from the menu. As you will note, the menu is bountiful, with classic American as well as traditional Greek selections. Breakfast is served all day. Please check the website: www.oviedotownhouse.com to preview the menu.

11:00 Meet and Greet, Sign-in

11:30 Selectable table, order lunch from the menu, Enjoy lunch

12:15 Meeting and Program

Please RSVP (email or snail mail)

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Looking forward to seeing you all and enjoying our camaraderie!

The UCFRA Needs You!

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YES _____ I am interested in serving on the UCFRA Board of Directors.

Please contact Jean Kijek @ 407-489-5883 or email @jean.Kijek@cfl.rr.com

Spring Luncheon Meeting and Program

Dr. Adrienne Frame, Vice President for Student Success and Well-Being (SSWB) was our speaker at our Spring Luncheon Meeting in April. Her presentation focused on students developing their potential for success and well-being. Dr. Frame was very dynamic in support of student success.

“Through a holistic and culturally conscious curricular approach, SSWB fosters a university-wide community of care and learning in which all students develop knowledge and skills, identify meaning and purpose, build resilience, develop financial literacy, increase engagement, and exercise harm-reducing choices, to positively impact retention, graduation rates, career readiness, and to minimize impediments to academic progress.”

She stated that sixty percent of students prefer in-person classes. Forty percent take courses online with counselling and advising on line. The goal for students is to graduate in four years (two years for transfer students). Fifty percent graduate with no debt. She discussed goals towards financial literacy and preparation for jobs outside of university with internships, and focused on student support as well as cultural consciousness.

Dr. Frame cited the need for Student Emergency Funds (SEF) particularly for those students who lost their homes during hurricanes. UCFRA donated \$500 towards the Student Emergency Fund in lieu of usual academic scholarship assistance awarded through one of the academic departments. In addition, Dr. Frame referred to the Student Pantry and the needs of many of our students. The Knights Helping Knights Pantry is committed to serving UCF students by providing basic needs including food, clothing, and personal hygiene items to foster continued academic success and increase retention for students in need. Bins are in the Student Union as well as around campus.

Needless to say, we had an excellent program.



Richard Biehl, Industrial Engineering; **Ina Carpenter**, Parking; Transportation Services; **Theresa Corral**, Housing; **Pauline Davis**, Small Business Development Center; **Jeff Dukes**, Health Professions & Sciences; **Sheryl Gamble**, Student Health Services; **Roger Hesselbart**, Telecommunications Department; **Eileen Kelly**, Student Health Services; **Ana M. Leon**, School of Social Work; **Dorann Mullins**, UCF-IT; **Jerry Ross**, National Entrepreneurial Center; **Sue Sorenson**, UCF Connect-II; **Mark Schafer**, School of Politics; **Terrie Sypolt**, Library; **Brenda S. Thompson**, CCIE; **Jose Vazquez**, Environmental Health & Safety.

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My old friend, Dr. Don Fuller, one of the charter members of the College of Business Administration "passed away peacefully on Monday, April 24, 2023 with his family at his side after a brief illness." "Donald was a brilliant man and a kind father; an academic mind with hands that could build or fix just about anything." Both he and his wife Jane were members of the Retirement Association. Dr. Fuller taught marketing at the University for 30 years. He published one of the very first academic textbooks on the topic of sustainable marketing in 1999. He will be missed by me and everyone who knew him personally and professionally. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida (CentralFloridaHomeless.org) are appreciated.

Parking Decals & Hangtags

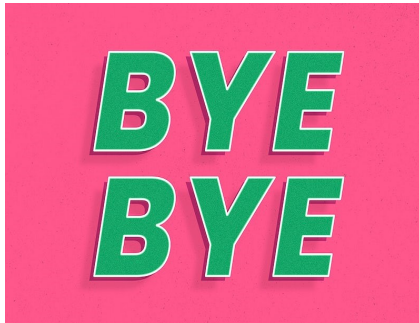
U.C.F. parking is going virtual, however the parking department will continue to issue physical permits for retirees. Please email decals@ucf.edu or call 407-823-5812 or you may wish to complete the form online at <https://parking.ucf.edu/document/parking-permit-application/> After this form is filled out and downloaded the retired employee can send the form via email to Lori.Heinis@ucf.edu, or mail it to parking services P.O.Box163551, Orlando FL 32816-3551.

Remember When?

UCF Music Professor, Opera Orlando Win Grant to Create New Opera

Stella Sung's third opera will be a musical adaptation of *The Secret River*, a children's fantasy book by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings.

"This story is about family, community, childhood innocence, the power of imagination, determination, closeness to nature and love," Sung says about the subject of her third opera. "I believe that the story also communicates the power of selflessness, the ability to overcome obstacles whether in one's mind or in reality, and the power of listening to one's own spirit and heart."



Over the past few years I have had the pleasure of preparing the UCF Retirees Association Newsletter, however, due to pressing family demands I must take a sabbatical and turn over the publication to "new blood." At some point in the future I will hope to be able to offer my services again, but in the meanwhile, the Board of Directors urgently seeking a volunteer to keep our newsletter an ongoing affair. If you are interested I urge you to contact our president Jean Kijek, 407-489-5883. Please keep our newsletter alive. With best regards, sincerely yours, Walter A Bogumil

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