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October's Fall Luncheon promises to be Magic!

The Magic of Television. Remember that catchy phrase from yesteryear? By simply clicking a button on your magic wand (okay, perhaps today it's more commonly called a remote control), television's magic carpet would transport you to virtually any spot on earth – and beyond. You could be exploring the pyramids, attending a World Series game, learning the intricacies of Asian cuisine, enjoying an evening at the Metropolitan Opera, scuba diving, or even riding along in a driverless buggy *on Mars*. The choices were – and still are – endless. Talk about magical!

BUT, have you ever wanted to sneak a peek behind the curtains and cameras to see just how all that magic is accomplished? Well, here's your golden opportunity.

For its October 25th Fall Luncheon program, the UCFRA has been invited to tour the studios of WUCF TV in the Research Park just south of the main campus. Luncheon attendees and guests will meet at

the station's headquarters at 12461 Research Parkway, Suite 550, (see article on page 2 for driving directions and parking options) at 11:30 a.m. for a social time prior to a noontime meal right there in the main studio.

A buffet luncheon will be catered by 4Rivers Smokehouse. The mouth-watering menu will feature your choice of Pulled Chicken, Beef Brisket, or Southern Pulled Pork plus these sides: BBQ Beans, Smokehouse Corn, Coleslaw, and Homestyle Slider Buns. But make sure to save room for dessert too – Blueberry Cobbler and Crispy Cream Bread Pudding are also on the menu. Beverages will include Sweet Tea, Unsweet Tea, Lemonade, and Water.

Following the meal, we'll get that peek behind the scenes as the station's executive director, Dr. Phil Hoffman, leads us on a tour and shares the intricacies of

"What You Don't See on TV." For the past six years, UCF has operated Central Florida's only PBS member station, reaching an estimated population of 4.6 million people in its viewing area. Dr. Hoffman, veteran public broadcaster, educator, and documentary filmmaker whose programs have earned nearly 30 Emmy nominations, has been at the helm of WUCF TV for two-and-a-half years.

The luncheon cost remains the same as for past luncheons -- \$22 per person. Reservations may be made by completing the enclosed form and returning it, along with payment (please make check payable to the UCF Retirement Association), to our treasurer, Linda Bonta, 972 Scandia Lane, Orlando, FL 32825, **no later than Thursday, October 18th.**

Board of Directors elections on luncheon agenda

Our fall gathering signals that it is also time for elections to UCFRA's Board of Directors. This year, four positions are on the ballot. **Marilyn Salter** is completing her second, two-year term on the board and therefore is leaving the board. **Helen Hill** and **Kathie Holland** are completing their first, two-year terms and both have agreed to have their names placed in nomination for a second board term.

In the interest of continuity, several years ago the membership unanimously voted to change the Asso-

ciation's by-laws to allow the post of treasurer to remain ongoing as long as the current office-holder agrees to continue to serve. **Linda Bonta** has consented to continue in that position.

At the board's request, **Walter Bogumil** has agreed to have his name placed in nomination to fill the remaining vacant post. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor during the business meeting portion of the luncheon as long as those nominated consent to serve.

Welcome to new members and best wishes to all new retirees!

Applause, applause for five new members who have joined the Association in the past few months: **JoAnn M. Whiteman** (College of Education), **Philip Rogers** (Environmental Health & Safety), **Jay D. Jurie** (Health & Public Affairs), **Jamie Barron Schwartz** (Communicative Disorders), and **David A Gay** (Sociology). We hope to meet all of you in person at the Fall Luncheon in October!

We also send out sincere congratulations to the following UCF employees who have recently retired: **Christi Hartzler** (Housing), **Sa-**

brina Sadr (Management), **Boris Zeldovich** (CREOL), **Peter Pressley** (Resource Management), **Denise Moore** (College of Education), **John P. Lynxwiler** (Sociology), **Hector Ledesma** (Housing), **Joseph B. Sanborn, Jr.** (Criminal Justice), **Susan C. Craig** (Criminal Justice), **Paul M. Dombrowski** (Sociology), **Paul Anthony Giordano** (Modern Languages), **Barbara Rau Kyle** (Writing & Rhetoric), **Sandra Robinson** (College of Education), **Joseph S. Rusnock** (School of Performing Arts), **Katherine Seeley** (College of Education), **Va-**

lerie Storey (College of Education), **Mark Young** (College of Education), **Anthony Fappiano** (Human Resources), **Daniel R. Jones** (English), **Stephen H. Goodman** (Management), **Ana Maria Schwindt** (College of Medicine), **Jo Ann Stirling** (Florida Solar Energy Center), **Rita B. Buchoff** (College of Education), **James A. Katt** (Nicholson School of Communications & Media), **Nazim Muradov** (Florida Solar Energy Center), **Robyne Stevenson** (Public Affairs), **Marilyn Crotty** (Institute of Government), and **Helen Donegan** (Partnerships & Innovation).



Here are route suggestions, parking options for Fall Luncheon

If you are traveling **south on Alafaya Trail** past the main UCF campus, you will come to a traffic light at the intersection of Alafaya Trail and Research Parkway. (There are two left turn lanes at that southbound intersection – use the farthest left lane to accommodate another turn later.) Turn left onto Research Parkway.

If you are **northbound on Alafaya Trail** north of Hwy. 50 (Colonial Drive), turn right at the traffic light onto Research Parkway.

Once on Research Parkway, continue eastbound for approximately 8/10th of a mile. (You will pass through one traffic light at the intersection of Technology Parkway.) You will come to a complex of buildings on your left easily identified because there are three flagpoles out front. Turn left into that driveway and then immediately turn left again into a large parking area..

If you are traveling **through the UCF campus**, you will turn right at the traffic light just south of the Physical Plant. Then, turn at the second place that you could make a right turn – again, look for the flag poles.

There will be signs indicating the UCFRA parking area and people will be on hand to assist as well. Fall Luncheon attendees will be directed to the WUCF TV building from there and/or be offered shuttle rides from that point, if desired. Please note: there are *only a few* handicapped parking spaces directly adjacent to the WUCF TV building – please ask for directions to those spots if need be.

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