Association's Spring Luncheon program to address Internet safety and ways to protect your online data

The Internet. It’s truly a technological wonder to manage information and communication in today’s world. But is your data secure and safe from hackers and computer viruses?

“Internet Safety” will be the subject of the Spring Luncheon’s program, planned for Thursday, April 12, at the Holiday Inn just north of Colonial Drive (Hwy. 50) on Alafaya Trail.

Led by Kittie Johnson, founder of Winter Park Tech Tutors, the presentation will cover risks on the Internet such as identity theft, phishing, scams, malware, and fraud as well as scams specific to older adults. Kittie brings to the program decades of experience with both Apple and PC products. As an instructor, she maintains a full schedule teaching technology classes at local senior centers and residence facilities as well as providing one-on-one computer tutoring help for seniors.

Spring Luncheon attendees also will learn how people gain access to your identity, what you can do to be careful both on and off the Internet, and steps to take if your accounts are hacked. Concluding the presentation will be a question-and-answer session to further clarify the material presented.

The luncheon gathering will begin at 11:30 a.m. with a meet-and-greet time, followed by the meal at noon and Kittie’s presentation immediately following lunch. Depending on class schedules, we are hoping that our spring scholarship recipient also will be available to attend the luncheon.

Luncheon reservations may be made by completing and mailing the enclosed form, along with payment, to UCFRA’s treasurer, Linda Bonta, (her address is on the form) by no later than Friday, April 6th. Hope to see you there!

Driving directions 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 a left turn onto Orpington Street, and then make another immediate left turn into the Holiday Inn’s parking lot.

Welcome aboard and congratulations!

Applause, applause as we salute two new members to the Association: Daniel F. Arnold (Facilities Operations) and Mark E. Johnson (Statistics). We hope to see you at the April 12th Spring Luncheon so we can welcome you aboard in person!

We also extend sincere congratulations to nine UCF employees who recently retired: Leticia Abulencia (University Libraries), Ahmed E. Radwan (Civil Engineering), Mable Flumm (Florida Solar Energy Center), Margaret W. Kennerley (Psychology), Steven G. Sutton (Accounting), James S. Keebler (Marketing), Lou M. Stanley (College of Education), Susan Hubbard (English), and Denise Suits (College of Medicine). We wish you all the best as you enjoy retirement.
For the past few years, the Association has set an annual goal to provide two scholarships to students enrolled at UCF. As an introduction for new UCFRA members and a refresher for continuing members, the Board of Directors suggested a newsletter article outlining the Association’s scholarship initiative.

The UCF Retirement Association was founded in 1989. In the mid nineties, Dr. Leslie Ellis, a former UCF vice president and Provost, was instrumental in planning for a commemorative area to be placed on campus to honor those employees—faculty and staff alike—who pioneered the founding, building, and phenomenal growth of the University. At that time, volunteers were asked to make phone calls to potential donors, including UCFRA members, to raise funds to make this possible. In 2005 an ad hoc committee was formed to continue the fundraising and planning efforts for the “Tribute Garden.”

Over the ensuing years, suggestions for several sites around campus were considered. But in the end, it was determined that the cost of such a project would be much higher than was attainable. It was decided then that a greater tribute to those retirees who dedicated their life’s work to education would be to establish a scholarship to be awarded each fall to a UCF student working hard to gain an education.

To that end, a small “tribute garden” honoring retirees was created in 2009 beside the Burnett Honors College with the remainder of the funding earmarked for UCF scholarships. Hence, at the beginning of each academic year, the Association, in concert with the UCF Foundation, selects one deserving upper-class student to receive that year’s scholarship.

In 2013, another UCFRA-supported scholarship, which had been established in 2004, was named in honor of Carrie Lehmann who, along with several campus colleagues, founded the UCF Retirement Association in 1989. Carrie, a charter UCF employee in the Office of Student Affairs, worked tirelessly for the Association, serving in numerous capacities – as board member, officer, membership chair, newsletter editor, and historian – until her passing in 2012. The Association coordinates with UCF’s Office of Student Financial Assistance to identify a worthy student for the Lehmann award each year. It is the Carrie Lehmann Memorial Scholarship to which UCFRA members are given the opportunity to contribute before it is awarded each spring.

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UCFRA’s Handy, Multipurpose Form
You can make reservations for the Spring Luncheon and, if you wish, also make a contribution 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, April 12, 2018
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: ____________________________ Entrée: _______________________
GUEST(S): __________________________ Entrée: _______________________

COST: $22 per person – Reservations must be received by Friday, April 6, 2018

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:
Linda Bonta, 972 Scandia Lane, Orlando, FL 32825

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHECK ENCLOSED $ _________________